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OF THE

*County of Grafton*

Together with the Reports of the  
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Clerk of Court, Solicitor, Sheriff,  
Chaplain, Physician and  
Extension Service

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## GRAFTON COUNTY OFFICERS

### Commissioners

Kenneth G. Bell	Plymouth
George F. Clement	Landaff
Robert A. Jones	Lebanon

### Treasurer

Lawrence M. Colby	Littleton
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### Sheriff

Herbert W. Ash	Campton
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### Jailer

Erville H. Aldrich	North Haverhill
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### Clerk of Court

Unwar J. Samaha	Woodsville
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### Judge of Probate

Henry A. Dodge	Littleton
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### Register of Probate

Anna D. Proctor	Woodsville
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### Register of Deeds

Fred J. Shores	Woodsville
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### County Almshouse and House of Correction

Erville H. Aldrich	North Haverhill
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### Chaplain

Burton G. Robbins	North Haverhill
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### Physicians

E. C. Campbell, M.D., Medical Director	Woodsville
L. E. McKinlay, M.D., Asso. Physician	No. Haverhill
C. D. Eastman, M.D., Asso. Physician	Woodsville

### Auditors

Horace B. Knight	Woodsville
George H. Richardson	Littleton

# GRAFTON COUNTY DELEGATION — 1954-1955

Ashland	Hiram F. Gingras
Bath	Edwin P. Chamberlin
Bethlehem	Charles H. Whittier
Bristol	Bowdoin Plumer
Campton	Philip S. Willey
Canaan	George L. Eggleston
Easton	Lyle E. Brown
Enfield	Thomas J. Lorden
Franconia	Nina E. Peabody
Grafton	Elsie F. Williams
Hanover	Edith P. Atkins, Robert J. Fuller, Elizabeth W. Hayward, Charles A. Holden
Haverhill	Norman A. McMeekin, Finley P. Sleeper
Holderness	William R. Stockwell
Lebanon	Arthur F. Adams, Jerold M. Ashley, Forrest B. Cole, Fred A. Jones, Victor G. Jones, Joseph B. Perley
Lincoln	Charles Griffin
Lisbon	Norman C. Fox
Littleton	Van H. Gardner, Eda C. Martin, George E. Longchamps
Lyme	Charles E. Dixon
Orford	Robert W. Carr
Piermont	Earl V. Howard
Plymouth	Kenneth G. Bell, Suzanne Loizeaux
Rumney	Jesse A. Barney
Thornton	Ida M. Horner
Warren	Fayne E. Anderson
Waterville	Sarah J. Woodward
Woodstock	Thomas F. Sawyer

### Delegates to the County Convention

Alexandria	*Rex L. Plumer
Benton	Ethel Boutin
Bridgewater	Hollis L. Pollard
Dorchester	Herbert H. Ashley
Ellsworth	Chester A. Avery
Groton	Edgar C. McClellon
Hebron	Oscar V. Morse
Landaff	Arthur E. Snell
Lyman	Ralph H. Varney
Monroe	George L. Frazer
Wentworth	Charles A. Gilbert

\* Deceased

## GRAFTON COUNTY DELEGATION

Woodsville, N. H.  
March 10, 1954

The Grafton County Delegation met at the Chapel at the County Farm, at 2:30 o'clock, on March 10, 1954.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McMeekin.

The roll call was called and the following members were present:

Gingras of Ashland	Gardner of Littleton
Chamberlin of Bath	Longchamps of Littleton
Whittier of Bethlehem	Martin of Littleton
Plumer of Bristol	Dixon of Lyme
Willey of Campton	Howard of Piermont
Eggleston of Canaan	Bell of Plymouth
Brown of Easton	Barney of Rumney
Peabody of Franconia	Horner of Thornton
Williams of Grafton	Anderson of Warren
Atkins of Hanover	Sawyer of Woodstock
Fuller of Hanover	Pollard of Bridgewater
Hayward of Hanover	Ashley of Dorchester
McMeekin of Haverhill	Avery of Ellsworth
Sleeper of Haverhill	McClellon of Groton
Stockwell of Holderness	Snell of Landaff
Adams of Lebanon	Varney of Lyman
Ashley of Lebanon	Frazer of Monroe
Cole of Lebanon	Gilbert of Wentworth
Jones, Fred of Lebanon	Morse of Hebron
Griffin of Lincoln	Perley of Lebanon
Fox of Lisbon	

County Commissioners Bell and Clement were present. Also present were Anna Proctor, Register of Probate; Fred Shores, Register of Deeds; Richard Rutherford, County Extension Agent.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider proposed changes to County buildings, especially to enlarge the

court house building in Woodsville, to provide additional space for offices of Register of Deeds and Register of Probate. Also, to consider office space for the Farm Bureau.

Fred Shores, Register of Deeds, told the committee that he needed more room in the vault and more office space. He recommended three times more vault space and two times more office space. He stated he used a dozen books in the vault a year and he has only space left for around two dozen books.

Anna Proctor, Register of Probate, appeared and told the committee that she was in need of more space in her vault and office. She stated she had no more space for books and the space she now had would last for the rest of the year. She recommended that we consider more space for the size of vault, a small room for a probate room needed for the Judge and Register of Probate, also a restroom for the ladies.

Richard Rutherford, County Extension Agent, appeared and told the committee that due to the recent fire in Woodsville which destroyed the office of the County Extension Agent, they were in need of office space. He felt that if alterations were being made in the Court House at Woodsville it was well to consider space for the County Extension Agent, due to the fact that the county paid for the office rent. If it was considered, he suggested that he would need around 1000 sq. ft. of space.

The County Commissioners contacted Mr. Hudson of Hanover who appeared before the delegation and told them of proposed changes that could be made and still have more space to suit the needs of Register of Deeds, Register of Probate, Clerk of Court and County Extension Offices.

#### **Executive Session:**

3:55 o'clock

Longchamps moved that a building committee to

consist of six members be appointed by the Chairman to work with the County Commissioners and report back their findings.

Mr. Fox of Lisbon, amended the motion that the Chairman appoint the members of the last building committee to be members of the new building committee. Discussion ensued and the amendment was withdrawn by Mr. Fox.

Mr. Jones of Lebanon amended the motion that the building committee consist of four members. Amendment adopted.

Motion made and seconded, that a building committee of four members be appointed by the Chairman to work with the County Commissioners and report back their findings. Motion carried.

The Chairman appointed the following members to the Building Committee:

Chairman, Charles Griffin of Lincoln; Eda Martin of Littleton; Forrest Cole of Lebanon; Arthur Snell of Landaff.

On motion of Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Gilbert, it was voted that the Chairman call a Special Delegation meeting when the Chairman of the Building Committee is ready to give its report.

On motion of Mr. Whittier, seconded by Mr. Barney, it was voted that the Building Committee be reimbursed for expenses in connection with their work.

Chairman McMeekin read a letter from Chief Justice Stephen Wheeler in regards to the condition of the Plymouth Court House.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Gilbert, it was voted that the Building Committee look into the advisability in any changes in the Plymouth Court House.

Motion made and seconded and so voted that the Clerk write a letter to Chief Justice Wheeler of the action taken at this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. Pollard, it was so voted that the Clerk write the resolutions on the death of Rex Plumer of Alexandria and transmit a copy of the resolutions to the family of the deceased.

On motion of Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Gilbert, it was voted to adjourn to the call of the chair.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA M. HORNER  
Clerk

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Woodsville, N. H.  
June 29, 1954

The Grafton County Delegation met at the Woodsville Court House Tuesday, June 29, 1954 at 7:30 P. M.

The following members were present:

Gingras of Ashland	Jones, Fred of Lebanon
Chamberlin of Bath	Griffin of Lincoln
Whittier of Bethlehem	Fox of Lisbon
Plumer of Bristol	Gardner of Littleton
Willey of Campton	Longchamps of Littleton
Brown of Easton	Martin of Littleton
Atkins of Hanover	Bell of Plymouth
Fuller of Hanover	Barney of Rumney
McMeekin of Haverhill	Sawyer of Woodstock
Sleeper of Haverhill	Ashley of Dorchester
Stockwell of Holderness	Avery of Ellsworth
Adams of Lebanon	Frazer of Monroe
Ashley of Lebanon	Gilbert of Wentworth
Cole of Lebanon	Morse of Hebron
Perley of Lebanon	Snell of Landaff

County Commissioner Robert Jones was present.

Chairman McMeekin called on Griffin of Lincoln, Chairman of the Building Committee, for a report of their findings. Mr. Griffin apologized for not getting a written report to the delegates before the meeting.

The first subject of discussion was the PLYMOUTH COURT HOUSE. The building committee recommended the following repairs or alterations:

1. Renovation of a room downstairs for police, to cost about \$800.00.

2. Present toilet redecorated and to be used for women.

3. Present cell room (upstairs) made into a toilet for men, the cells moved out, room painted etc. at a cost of about \$1,200.00.

There were many other repairs and alterations needed, but it was deemed advisable to wait awhile.

Wiley of Campton suggested the residents of Plymouth pay for having the police room renovated.—  
Discussion.

#### **Woodsville Court House:**

The building committee looked the building over and found conditions as follows:

1. Clerk of Courts office—Vault and furniture is satisfactory; appears to not need anything done to it.

2. Register of Deeds—Vault space limited. Cannot take care of needs for books, shelves etc. more than 5 years. Office space crowded—employs seven girls. Photo equipment costing thousands of dollars without proper space to use it. Separate toilet facilities needed for men and women.

3. Commissioner's offices are satisfactory.

4. Probate Office—Vault space limited to not more than 5 years. Office space needed for Probate Judge. Waiting room needed. No space available for lawyers to sit down with their clients and go over the probate work.

5. Court room—Appeared to the committee to be too large—costly to heat—high ceiling—poor floor.

6. Space needed for Extension Service. When Court is held they will have to move out.

7. Front and Structure is outdated. Back door has

no stoop, danger from falling ice. Parking area not sufficient. Roof is not safe; in one place it has sagged six to eight inches.

This is the report of the building as found by your committee, and here are the four plans presented for your approval:

**Plan No. 1.**

Leave the building as it is, spending only to maintain and make a few minor repairs. Have the Extension Service rent quarters elsewhere (the only place available in town at present is quarters in the I. O. O. F. building at a rental of \$1,800.00 a year including heat); make an air conditioned room in the cellar for the oldest records.

**Plan No. 2.**

Make a smaller Court room to provide space for County Extension Service;

Move Clerk's office upstairs;

Move County Commissioners' office into present Clerk's office;

Give Register of Deeds, Clerk's vault;

Give Register of Probate new vault where Commissioners' office is;

Make toilet facilities for both men and women.

This would cost approximately \$25,000.00.

**Plan No. 3**

Make a one-story addition on the rear of the building; Purchase land in rear for parking lot—price quoted \$16,000.00;

Clerk of Court remain same as is;

Probate Court to have Commissioners' office for vault;

Register of Deeds to have vault in present office space and then have office in new building;

Commissioner's office to be in new building;

Second floor to provide space for County Extension, by decreasing size of Court room.

The price given for the above alterations and purchase of parking space to be about \$71,000.00.

#### **Plan No. 4.**

New building to cost approximately \$390,000.00. Some of the members felt the building was larger than needed. Fox of Lisbon inquired if the price included location. It does not. Atkins of Hanover suggested an elevator. Snell of Landaff inquired what the sale price would be on the Woodsville and Plymouth court houses. The prices were quoted, at Woodsville \$35,000.00; Plymouth from \$12,000.00 to \$30,000.00.

Discussion ensued as to the location being outside of any village for parking facilities. Chairman McMeekin advised of transportation disadvantages for the employees; Whittier of Bethlehem asked for a show of hands on each proposal, and the result was as follows: No. 1—None; No. 2—None; No. 3—1; No. 4—5.

Mr. Ashley of Lebanon stated he felt they must be afraid to vote so he called for a secret ballot. Before taking the ballot, Chairman McMeekin asked Vice Chairman Atkins to take the chair and he stepped down and spoke on the question of the need of a new court house to provide extra space for Register of Probate, Register of Deeds, and the Extension Service.

Discussion ensued as to letting the Public know about our proposal of a new court house. Building Committee Chairman Griffin advised he would write an article for the local papers, and that in his opinion perhaps it might be well to have a Public Meeting in the larger towns in the County.

Commissioner Jones spoke on the Plymouth Court house. The Judges' Chamber must be enlarged—by an addition on the back—the ceiling should be lowered; new furniture is needed. His opinion was that both Woodsville and Plymouth should be sold and a new court house built.

The secret ballot disclosed: No. 1—6; No. 2—2; No. 3—2; No. 4—18.

Perley of Lebanon moved and it was seconded by Gardner of Littleton that the present building committee continue to serve with the County Commissioners, and find a suitable location and report back within six weeks at the call of the chair. This was an affirmative vote.

Griffin of Lincoln moved that the Committee be instructed to bring in refinements or plans and estimates as well as specifications pertaining to the building referred to in Proposal Four as submitted by the Committee. Seconded by Fuller of Hanover.

Barney of Rumney moved a letter of appreciation be sent to the Building committee.

Moved to adjourn to the call of the chair.

EDA C. MARTIN  
Clerk Pro tem

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Woodsville, N. H.  
August 16, 1954

The Grafton County Delegation met at the Woodsville Court House, Monday, August 16, 1954 at 7:30 P. M.

The following members were present:

Gingras of Ashland	Griffin of Lincoln
Chamberlin of Bath	Fox of Lisbon
Whittier of Bethlehem	Gardner of Littleton
Plumer of Bristol	Longchamps of Littleton
Willey of Campton	Martin of Littleton
Eggleston of Canaan	Dixon of Lyme
Brown of Easton	Carr of Orford
Lorden of Enfield	Howard of Piermont
Williams of Grafton	Bell of Plymouth
Atkins of Hanover	Rand of Plymouth
Fuller of Hanover	Barney of Rumney
Hayward of Hanover	Horner of Thornton

McMeekin of Haverhill	Anderson of Warren
Sleeper of Haverhill	Woodward of Waterville
Stockwell of Holderness	Sawyer of Woodstock
Adams of Lebanon	Boutin of Benton
Ashley of Lebanon	Pollard of Bridgewater
Cole of Lebanon	Ashley of Dorchester
Jones, Fred of Lebanon	Avery of Ellsworth
Jones, Victor of Lebanon	McClellon of Groton
Perley of Lebanon	Morse of Hebron
Varney of Lyman	Snell of Landaff
Frazer of Monroe	Gilbert of Wentworth

Jones of Lebanon offered a resolution, seconded by Longchamps of Littleton; Resolved, that the location of any new Grafton County Courthouse, shall be determined by a majority vote of the entire County Convention, and further that any motion made in reference to any action to be taken on the whole subject matter shall require a majority vote of the entire County Convention. It was a unanimous vote.

Griffin of Lincoln, Chairman of the Building Committee reported for the Committee. The Committee report was the motion made and seconded, and passed, without a dissenting vote, that it is the sense of the Committee that a new court house be built in the Town of Orford.

Mr. Griffin stated that 15 sites had been recommended to the committee in various parts of the county, including Plymouth, Woodsville, Lebanon, Woodstock and Orford, and it was the recommendation of the committee, as a compromise, that the new courthouse be built in Orford. He stated that the new building for county offices could be built for approximately \$380,000. He also stated that the cost would be less if the air conditioning and elevator were left out.

He read outline specifications submitted by the architect, Hudson & Ingram.

## Outline Specifications as submitted:

Foundation:	Concrete
Exterior Walls:	Brick with cinder block back up
Exterior Trim:	Stone
Windows:	Steel — Intermediate casement projected type
Exterior Doors:	Wood
Roof:	Flat—20 year bonded tar and gravel on concrete deck
Floors:	Ground floor—Concrete slab on fill; First and Second Floors— Reinforced Concrete
Finish Floors:	Office: meeting room, vaults and court room—asphalt tile or vinyl plastic tile Corridors — First and Second floor—Terrazo; Ground Floor— asphalt tile Ceramic tile—toilets
Interior Partitions:	Cinder block, plastered
Interior Walls:	Plaster in general Toilet Walls — Ceramic tile dado Corridor Walls — facing tile dado Court Room—wood dado Vaults, basement meeting room, cell room, etc., con- crete or cinder block painted
Ceilings:	Acousite tile excepting in vaults
Door Frames:	Steel, painted
Interior Trim:	In general, steel
Stairs:	Steel with terrazo treads
Interior doors:	Wood, slab type
Toilet Partitions:	Steel
Elevator:	Electric, push button type
Heating:	Oil fired, 2 pipe steam, radiators —recessed convectors

Ventilating:	Toilets, offices, court rooms, meeting room, vaults, etc., ventilated by exhaust fans
Lighting:	Fluorescent or Incandescent in- direct

Eda Martin of Littleton, member of the Building Committee, spoke against the committee report. She felt that the people of the county would rather repair Plymouth, make repairs and addition to Woodsville. Taxes are too high now and there was no need to increase or add new taxes. She felt that Plymouth, Woodsville and Lebanon would not want to give up their terms of Court. She suggested that the cost of the new building did not include grading, sewerage and equipment, and these items added would make the cost \$500,000. She stated we could not build a new court house until the General Court abolished the terms of court.

Chamberlin of Bath, moved, seconded by Frazer of Monroe, that the delegation vote to make the necessary alterations and additions to the present Court House at Woodsville and to make such arrangements as are necessary for additional land and buildings, and for the payment of the same.

Mr. Chamberlin felt that the repairs and additions to the Woodsville Courthouse were more practical than building a new courthouse and the cost would be much lower.

McMeekin called Vice Chairman Edith Atkins to the chair.

McMeekin spoke on the motion. He stated that two-thirds of the taxes of the county came from the Connecticut Valley area, and that the population of the Pemigewasset and the Connecticut Valley areas are about the same. He cited that the new dam at Littleton would bring in more valuation, but that Littleton would pay a larger county tax.

He spoke on the tax structure of each town in the county and what each pays. He stated that Mr. Rutherford, Agricultural Agent, felt that the location should be in Haverhill, due to the fact that the Connecticut Valley has more cattle and does more agricultural business.

McMeekin stated that we adopt the first floor plan of Hudson & Ingram as a one-story building to be built behind the present Woodsville Court House and connect the buildings with a hallway, buy the land in back of the Woodsville Courthouse for parking. This building would take care of the County offices, then added space would be given to the Farm Bureau, remodel the present Court room, go to Plymouth and repair as desired by the Lawyers and Judges of the State.

He stated that he put a bill in the General Court to test the sentiment of the people as to the terms of court in the County. He also stated that a new courthouse would increase the tax burden to  $16\frac{1}{2}\%$  on a new building and  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$  increase for repairs to the present buildings.

McMeekin in the Chair.

Jones spoke on the motion. He stated that if a new courthouse was built, the General Court would change the terms of court, and does feel that Agriculture is not so important, in arriving at a decision.

Jones of Lebanon moved and seconded by Carr of Orford that the pending motion before us, be laid on the table temporarily. Motion carried.

Griffin of Lincoln stated, having listened to the arguments for and against, that he was definitely in favor of a new building, and definitely opposed to spending money on the old buildings.

Carr of Orford stated that the Town of Orford would grade the land and take care of the water and sewerage.

Plumer of Bristol compared the cost of the new courthouse to the cost of the new school building built in

Bristol, the school was 10% larger than the proposed building and the cost of the school building was \$188,000.

Stockwell of Holderness spoke.

Longchamps of Littleton stated that the new dam at Littleton would increase the valuation twice as much as Lebanon and Hanover.

Fuller stated that the comparison of a school building to a courthouse is not the same thing and the costs would vary considerably.

Longchamps of Littleton stated he was in favor of a new courthouse but not at the present time.

Griffin of Lincoln spoke and stated that land donations, sewerage and water facilities, should not play too important a part in our consideration of a new building. He stated that the equipment would be around \$28,000 and there would be allowances for furniture and equipment.

Ashley of Dorchester opposed to a new court house on account of added taxes.

Wiley of Campton asked the Committee what the court's opinion in the need of a new courthouse. Griffin stated that the Bar Association suggested the site as Orford or Haverhill, but the Judges do not suggest the location, they will come where it is built.

Jones of Lebanon offered the resolution, seconded by Carr of Orford; Resolved, That Grafton County erect a new Court House including space for the Register of Deeds and Register of Probate and all other County Offices in the Town of Orford. Roll call recorded 31 against and 15 for.

Those voting **No** were as follows: Gingras, Chamberlin, Whittier, Wiley, Brown, Lorden, Williams, McMeekin, Sleeper, Stockwell, Griffin, Gardner, Longchamps, Martin, Dixon, Howard, Bell, Rand, Barney, Horner, Anderson, Woodward, Sawyer, Boutin, Pollard, Ashley, McClellon, Morse, Varney, Frazer, Avery.

Those voting **Yes** were as follows: Plumer, Eggleston, Atkins, Fuller, Hayward, Adams, Cole, Jones Fred, Jones Victor, Perley, Fox, Carr, Snell, Gilbert, Ashley.

Jones of Lebanon offered the following resolution, seconded by Longchamps of Littleton; Resolved that the Convention vote to build a new Court House at Woodsville. Whittier amended the resolution by striking out the words "Woodsville." Discussion ensued.

Whittier stated he was against a new court house if the cost was \$500,000.

Perley of Lebanon stated that the repairs are more needed than a new building.

Gingras of Ashland spoke on the resolution.

Mrs. Atkins of Hanover spoke and stated it was a poor investment to spend \$200,000 and she amended the resolution by setting the top figure at \$375,000.

Resolution as amended: Resolved that the Convention vote to build a new court house by setting top figures at \$375,000.

Roll call and result of the vote: No—32 Yes—14

Those voting **No** were as follows: Gingras, Chamberlin, Whittier, Willey, Eggleston, Brown, Lorden, Williams, McMeekin, Sleeper, Stockwell, Cole, Jones Victor, Perley, Fox, Gardner, Longchamps, Martin, Dixon, Howard, Barney, Horner, Anderson, Boutin, Pollard, Ashley, Avery, McClellon, Morse, Varney, Frazer, Gilbert.

Those voting **Yes** were as follows: Plumer, Atkins, Fuller, Hayward, Adams, Ashley of Lebanon, Jones Fred, Griffin, Carr, Bell, Rand, Woodward, Sawyer, Snell.

Barney stated he voted No because it was not enough money.

Rand of Plymouth offered the following resolution: Moved that a new courthouse be built in Grafton County, to be located somewhere in the County which will be to the best interests of the residents of this County.

Mr. Rand spoke on the resolution. Barney, Woodward, Stockwell, Fox, and Cole all spoke on the resolution. Mr. Willey stated it too bad to build or decide to build at this time when the primary is near. Pollard of Bridgewater spoke on resolution.

Griffin of Lincoln spoke for himself and not for the committee. He is in favor of a new court house and definitely opposed to spending large sums of money to remodel, if it were left to the next delegation no action would be taken until near the end of the session.

Carr of Orford stated selfish civic pride should not enter in deciding on a new courthouse.

Roll call result: No—21 Yes—25.

Those voting **No** were as follows: Chamberlin, Whittier, Willey, Eggleston, Lorden, Williams, McMeekin, Sleeper, Perley, Gardner, Longchamps, Martin, Dixon, Howard, Boutin, Pollard, Ashley of Dorchester, Avery, Morse, Varney, Frazer.

Those voting **Yes** were as follows: Gingras, Plumer, Brown, Atkins, Fuller, Hayward, Stockwell, Adams, Ashley, Cole, Jones Fred, Jones Victor, Griffin, Fox, Carr, Bell, Rand, Barney, Horner, Anderson, Woodward, Sawyer, McClellon, Snell, Gilbert.

Mr. Brown of Easton requested to change his vote but due to the vote having been declared before his request, the Convention would not accept the change.

Jones of Lebanon moved that the motion that was laid on the table be taken from the table.

Roll call result: No—36 Yes—10.

Those voting **No** were as follows: Gingras, Whittier, Plumer, Willey, Eggleston, Lorden, Williams, Atkins, Fuller, Hayward, Stockwell, Adams, Ashley, Cole, Jones Fred, Jones Victor, Perley, Griffin, Fox, Longchamps, Carr, Bell, Rand, Barney, Horner, Anderson, Woodward, Sawyer, Boutin, Pollard, Avery, McClellon, Morse, Snell, Varney, Gilbert.

Those voting **Yes** were as follows: Chamberlin,

Brown, McMeekin, Sleeper, Gardner, Martin, Dixon, Howard, Ashley of Dorchester, Frazer.

Longchamps of Littleton offered the following resolution: Resolved that the question of building a new courthouse for Grafton County and selection of location for same, be referred to the 1955 County Convention.

Dixon of Lyme and Stockwell of Holderness spoke on the motion.

Roll call result: No—42 Yes—4.

Those voting **No** were as follows: Gingras, Chamberlin, Whittier, Plumer, Willey, Eggleston, Lorden, Williams, Atkins, Fuller, Hayward, McMeekin, Sleeper, Stockwell, Adams, Ashley, Cole, Jones Fred, Jones Victor, Perley, Griffin, Fox, Gardner, Dixon, Carr, Howard, Bell, Rand, Barney, Horner, Anderson, Woodward, Sawyer, Boutin, Pollard, Ashley, Avery, McClellon, Morse, Snell, Varney, Gilbert.

Those voting **Yes** were as follows: Brown, Longchamps, Martin, Frazer.

Mr. Rand of Plymouth moved, seconded by Gingras of Ashland, that the new Grafton County Courthouse be built in the shire town of Plymouth.

Mr. Rand spoke in favor. Mr. Willey read a letter from the Chief Justice of Superior Court and which stated that the Plymouth area was the most convenient.

Roll call result: No—31 Yes—13. 1 passed.

Those voting **No** were as follows: Chamberlin, Whittier, Eggleston, Brown, Lorden, Williams, Atkins, Fuller, Hayward, McMeekin, Sleeper, Adams, Ashley, Cole, Jones Fred, Jones Victor, Fox, Gardner, Longchamps, Martin, Dixon, Carr, Howard, Anderson, Sawyer, Boutin, Ashley, Snell, Varney, Fraser, Gilbert.

Those voting **Yes** were as follows: Gingras, Plumer, Willey, Stockwell, Bell, Rand, Barney, Horner, Woodward, Pollard, Avery, McClellon, Morse.

Griffin of Lincoln passed.

Jones of Lebanon moved, seconded by Lorden that we build a new courthouse at Lebanon.

Jones spoke on the motion.

Roll call result: No—33 Yes—10. 2 passed.

Those voting **No** were as follows: Gingras, Chamberlin, Whittier, Plumer, Willey, Eggleston, Brown, Williams, McMeekin, Sleeper, Stockwell, Fox, Gardner, Longchamps, Martin, Howard, Bell, Rand, Anderson, Sawyer, Boutin, Ashley of Dorchester, Snell, Varney, Frazer, Gilbert, Barney, Horner, Woodward, Pollard, Avery, McClellon, Morse.

Those voting **Yes** were as follows: Lorden, Atkins, Fuller, Hayward, Adams, Ashley, Cole, Jones Fred, Jones Victor, Dixon. Griffin and Carr pass.

Frazer of Monroe moved, seconded by Van Gardner of Littleton, that the new court house be built in the shire town of Haverhill. McMeekin spoke for the motion.

Roll call result: No—28 Yes—16. 1 pass.

Those voting **No** were as follows: Gingras, Plumer, Willey, Eggleston, Lorden, Williams, Atkins, Fuller, Hayward, Stockwell, Adams, Cole, Jones Fred, Longchamps, Carr, Bell, Rand, Barney, Horner, Woodward, Sawyer, Pollard, Ashley, Avery, McClellon, Morse, Snell, Gilbert.

Those voting **Yes** were as follows: Chamberlin, Whittier, Brown, McMeekin, Sleeper, Ashley, Jones Victor, Fox, Gardner, Martin, Dixon, Howard, Anderson, Boutin, Varney, Frazer.

Griffin of Lincoln passed.

Lorden of Enfield moved, seconded by Carr of Orford, that we reconsider the vote on Orford as a site for location.

Roll call results: No—22 Yes—23

Those voting **No** were as follows: Gingras, Chamberlin, Willey, Brown, McMeekin, Sleeper, Stockwell, Gardner, Longchamps, Martin, Bell, Rand, Barney, Horner,

Woodward, Sawyer, Pollard, Ashley, Avery, McClellon, Morse, Frazer.

Those voting **Yes** were as follows: Whittier, Plumer, Eggleston, Lorden, Williams, Atkins, Fuller, Hayward, Adams, Ashley, Cole, Jones Fred, Jones Victor, Griffin, Fox, Dixon, Carr, Howard, Anderson, Boutin, Snell, Varney, Gilbert.

Jones of Lebanon moved, seconded by Fox of Lisbon that the Convention adjourn to the call of the chair.

Mr. Rand amended the motion. Motion being moved that the Convention adjourn to the call of the chair not more than 30 days from this date.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA M. HORNER  
Clerk

Woodsville, N. H.  
September 15, 1954

The Grafton County Delegation met in the chapel of the County Farm, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1954 at 7:30 P. M.

The following members were present:

Gingras of Ashland	Gardner of Littleton
Chamberlin of Bath	Longchamps of Littleton
Whittier of Bethlehem	Martin of Littleton
Plumer of Bristol	Dixon of Lyme
Willey of Campton	Carr of Orford
Eggleston of Canaan	Howard of Piermont
Peabody of Franconia	Bell of Plymouth
Atkins of Hanover	Rand of Plymouth
Fuller of Hanover	Barney of Rumney
Hayward of Hanover	Anderson of Warren
Holden of Hanover	Woodward of Waterville
McMeekin of Haverhill	Sawyer of Woodstock
Sleeper of Haverhill	Pollard of Bridgewater

Stockwell of Holderness	Ashley of Dorchester
Adams of Lebanon	Avery of Ellsworth
Ashley of Lebanon	McClellon of Groton
Cole of Lebanon	Morse of Hebron
Jones, Fred of Lebanon	Snell of Landaff
Perley of Lebanon	Varney of Lyman
Griffin of Lincoln	Frazer of Monroe
Fox of Lisbon	Gilbert of Wentworth

Rand of Plymouth inquired if last meeting was legal. Was it an adjourned meeting?

McMeekin replied that meeting was legal. All meetings since first were adjourned meetings.

Whittier moved that Grafton County Delegation repeal the vote of August 16, 1954, whereby it voted to build a new courthouse and office building, somewhere in Grafton County. Frazer seconded motion. Roll call result: 20—yes; 19—no. Vote was lost.

Longchamps of Littleton said that he had talked with many people since last meeting and consensus of opinion was that we should not spend a half million of dollars at this time for new buildings, but should repair old buildings. Plymouth needs repairs badly, Woodsville good court house if repaired.

Plumer of Bristol wanted to know what would be anticipated as necessary repairs on old buildings, and how much repairs would cost compared to cost of new building.

Griffin of Lincoln, chairman of building committee, reported that the repairs on Plymouth Court House would cost approximately \$25,000 and Woodsville about \$125,000. He also stated that the revised figures of new building were \$380,000 plus land, landscaping, etc. Also stated that the proposed new court house was a little large and thought it could be cut down so that new cost to the taxpayers would probably be \$300,000. He said that we should have new and adequate facilities and that maintaining three court houses is expensive.

He stated that he had spent five hours this day with representatives of a microfilm company examining their exhibit and learning how much vault space could be saved by having county records microfilmed. A very comparatively small space would be needed to take care of all records for many years. This service could be acquired in one of three ways—namely by purchase, or lease, or service charge. Cost of equipment would be about \$4,000.00. Leasing equipment would cost \$150.00 per month or \$1,800 a year.

Chamberlin of Bath suggested that microfilming be looked into very thoroughly.

Mrs. Atkins then inquired about repairs of old buildings with reference to inadequate facilities.

Mr. Griffin stated that repairs could be made which would take care of 90% of the needs and would be adequate for another generation.

Mr. Jones of Lebanon said that the judges had told him that Plymouth would not be used any more until new judges' chamber should be added.

Mr. Griffin then stated that microfilming would require so much less space that repairs would not be as expensive as previously anticipated.

Mr. Willey of Campton moved that the building committee consider what is needed at Plymouth and are hereby authorized to see that such repairs and alterations are made at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, and that space be properly assigned to the Town of Plymouth, in the basement, to be made at Plymouth expense for the use of the police.

This motion was seconded by Gardner of Littleton. The motion was lost. Then the motion was amended to cut out reference to the Plymouth Police Dept. and to change the sum of \$20,000 to \$2,500.

Motion as amended passed: Yes—26; No—14.

Whittier of Bethlehem then moved to instruct the building committee to obtain cost of microfilm system

for deed, probate and/or superior court records and report back to the delegation.

This motion was seconded by Ashley of Dorchester. This motion passed by voice vote.

An amendment to Mr. Whittier's motion was offered by Mr. Fred Jones of Lebanon, that the committee be instructed to contract for the microfilm system at a cost not to exceed \$27,000. This sum to be taken from surplus funds if sufficient or such sum to be raised and appropriated by issuing notes or bonds. This passed on a roll call vote. Yes—30; No—7.

Meeting adjourned on motion of Mr. Rand that another meeting be called by Chair within 60 days.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELIZABETH HAYWARD  
Clerk Pro Tem

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Woodsville, N. H.  
November 26, 1954

The Grafton County Delegation met in the Court-house at Woodsville, N. H., Friday, November 26, 1954 at 8:00 P. M.

The following members were present:

Gingras of Ashland	Martin of Littleton
Chamberlin of Bath	Dixon of Lyme
Willey of Campton	Carr of Orford
Peabody of Franconia	Howard of Piermont
Fuller of Hanover	Bell of Plymouth
McMeekin of Haverhill	Horner of Thornton
Sleeper of Haverhill	Anderson of Warren
Cole of Lebanon	Woodward of Waterville
Jones, Fred of Lebanon	Sawyer of Woodstock
Perley of Lebanon	Ashley of Dorchester
Griffin of Lincoln	Avery of Ellsworth
Fox of Lisbon	Snell of Landaff
Gardner of Littleton	Frazer of Monroe
Longchamps of Littleton	

Mr. Griffin of Lincoln, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that the cost of the microfilm system, which would include Register of Deeds and Register of Probate would total \$20,241.10.

Committee contacted several firms and the final bid was awarded to Remington Rand Company in the amount of \$20,016.99. The County Commissioners are to furnish extra help at the time the system is being put in.

The committee reported on its cost of the repairs to the Plymouth Courthouse. The lowest bid was \$1,900, but this does not include a heating unit.

Mr. Griffin stated that he enjoyed working with the committee and Commissioners and he felt that with the microfilm system installed we had solved the problem of space at the Woodsville Courthouse.

He stated the committee had met fifteen or sixteen times at different places in the county and that the expenses of the committee would be around \$500.00 or \$600.00.

Mr. Griffin stated that he would like to present three motions which County Commissioner Jones had asked him to present.

Griffin of Lincoln moved, seconded by Gardner of Littleton, That the County Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to expend from the surplus now on hand a sum of money not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the payment of the contract with Remington Rand for Microfilming County Records, and for such other expenses in connection with microfilming the records, as the Commissioners may deem necessary or convenient.

This motion was passed by voice vote.

Griffin of Lincoln then moved, That the County Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to pay the firm of Hudson & Ingram of Hanover, New Hampshire the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from

the surplus now on hand, in full payment of architectural services rendered to Grafton County in connection with repairs to present county buildings and the suggested new County Building. This motion was seconded by Fuller of Hanover. This motion was passed by voice vote.

Griffin of Lincoln then moved, That the County Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to expend from the surplus now on hand a sum of money not to exceed \$2,500.00, for alterations and repairs at the Plymouth Court House. Willey of Campton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Fuller of Hanover moved that the County Convention give the building committee a rising vote of thanks for their good work. Motion was seconded by Willey of Campton. On voice vote the motion passed.

Bell of Plymouth offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Willey of Campton.

RESOLVED: That the County Commissioners are hereby directed and authorized to pay the members of the Building Committee the sum of Three Dollars (\$3.00) per diem and ten cents (\$.10) per mile for their attendance at all meetings of the Building Committee. On voice vote the resolution was adopted.

Gardner of Littleton moved, seconded by Willey of Campton that the meeting be adjourned. On voice vote the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA M. HORNER  
Clerk

## BUDGET OF GRAFTON COUNTY

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Year 1954
<b>Current Revenue:</b>	
Income from Institutions:	
(a) County Farm	\$50,000.00
(b) Court Houses	385.00
Reimbursements of Expenditures for support of poor, etc.	3,000.00
<b>Receipts Other Than Current Revenue</b>	
Cash on hand (surplus)	25,140.74
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<b>Total Revenue from All Sources Except Taxation</b>	<b>\$78,525.74</b>

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Purposes of Expenditures	Estimated Year 1954
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses</b>	
General Government	
Salaries of	
(a) Commissioners	\$ 3,600.00
(b) Treasurer	500.00
(c) Auditors	200.00
(d) Solicitor	2,400.00
(e) Medical Referee	2,500.00
(f) Sheriff	1,250.00
Expenses of	
(a) Commissioners and Treasurer	2,500.00
(b) Register of Deeds	2,500.00
(c) Register of Probate	2,450.00
(d) Solicitor (clerk hire)	750.00

## BUDGET OF GRAFTON COUNTY

### Expenditures (Continued)

Care and Supplies for	
Court Houses	6,000.00
Permanent Improvements	
Court Houses	1,000.00
Superior Court	
Jury Payrolls	7,000.00
"State vs. —" Payrolls	500.00
Counsel Fees	1,000.00
Stenographer, Solicitor, etc.	4,000.00
Clerk of Superior Court	10,500.00
Sheriff and Deputies	
—Clerk hire	8,500.00
Public Welfare	
County Farm	133,000.00
Support of poor off farm	18,000.00
Old Age Assistance	15,000.00
Board and Care	
of Children	30,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	5,000.00
Disabled	500.00
Welfare Administration	9,300.00
Interest	
On Temporary Loans	2,100.00
All other Payments	
Miscellaneous	2,000.00
County Extension Service	15,465.00
Employees Retirement	2,500.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$290,015.00</b>
Less Revenue and	78,525.74
Cash on Hand	
<b>Amount to be raised by</b>	<b>\$211,489.26</b>
County Tax	

## REPORT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Grafton County:

In accordance with the Public Laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Commissioners of Grafton County herewith present the annual report of the Commissioners, Treasurer, Auditors, Superintendent of the County Farm, Jailer, Clerk of Court, Solicitor, Sheriff, Chaplain, Physician and County Extension Service.

As of December 31, 1954, the County has a cash balance of \$57,591.32 and bills receivable of \$3,256.32, making total assets of \$60,847.64. There are no outstanding notes or bonds.

The general condition of the County Farm and buildings is good; improvements and repairs being made as needed. We have continued our policy of repainting some of the interior of the institution each year.

The dairy herd, under the capable supervision of our herdsman, Orman Thayer, continues to be a source of credit to the County. This year we installed a new stanchion line on one side of the tie-up and painted the whole interior. The work was done entirely by House of Correction labor. For further information relative to the farm, we would refer you to the Superintendent's report.

With the exception of Old Age Assistance, there was some increase in all categories of relief. The Commissioners would recommend an increase in appropriation for board and care of children this coming year.

Through the efforts of our two investigators, the county has been reimbursed \$4,488.59 on relief cases.

We wish to express our appreciation to our staff of employees, the County Delegation, the various county and town officials and the State Welfare Department

for their friendly assistance with the work of the County.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH G. BELL  
ROBERT A. JONES  
GEORGE F. CLEMENT  
Commissioners

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
Concord, New Hampshire**

May 21, 1954

Board of County Commissioners  
Grafton County  
Woodsville, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 82, Section 27, of the Revised Laws, the biennial examination and audit of the accounts of Grafton County has been made by the Division of Municipal Accounting of the State Tax Commission. The audit covered the fiscal years ended December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953. Submitted herewith is the report which includes Exhibits as hereafter listed. The report is made up in three sections as follows:

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| Section I   | Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952                        |
| Section II  | Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953                        |
| Section III | Ten Year Statement of Indebtedness,<br>Valuation and Taxes |

## Scope Of Audit

Included in the audit and examination were the accounts and records of the Board of County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm.

## Financial Statements

**Comparative Balance Sheets—December 31, 1951—December 31, 1952 (Exhibit A); December 31, 1952—December 31, 1953 (Exhibit J)**

Statements presenting an analysis of the factors

which caused the change in financial condition of the County during the fiscal years ended December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953, are included in Exhibits B and J, respectively.

The increase in Surplus in 1952 amounted to \$34,138.-31. The factors which caused this were as follows:

<b>Increase in Surplus</b>	
Net Budget Surplus	\$34,929.27
<b>Decrease in Surplus</b>	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	790.96
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<b>Net Increase</b>	<b>\$34,138.31</b>

In 1953 the Surplus increased by \$5,986.92. This resulted from:

<b>Increases in Surplus</b>	
Net Budget Surplus	\$30,137.09
Increase in Accounts Receivable	990.58
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	<b>\$31,127.67</b>
<b>Decreases in Surplus</b>	
Part of Cash Surplus Used to Reduce County Tax	25,140.75
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<b>Net Increase</b>	<b>\$ 5,986.92</b>

**Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues—Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952 (Exhibits C & D); Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953 (Exhibits K & L).**

In the fiscal year of 1952, a net revenue surplus of \$44,631.42, less a net overdraft of appropriations of \$9,702.15, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$34,929.27.

In 1953, a net revenue surplus of \$17,621.75, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$12,515.34, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$30,137.09.

**Summaries of Receipts and Expenditures—Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952 (Exhibit E); Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953 (Exhibit M).**

Summaries of the receipts and expenditures of the County made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, for the fiscal years 1952 and 1953, are presented in Exhibits E and M, respectively.

**ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND  
TREASURER**

All orders issued by the Commissioners and Clerk of the Superior Court during the periods under review were examined and compared with corresponding entries in the Treasurer's records. Supporting invoices and payrolls were also examined and the classification of expenditures noted. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1953, is shown in Exhibit N.

**CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**

The financial accounts and records of the Clerk of Court of Grafton County were examined. Court receipts were checked by source, insofar as possible, and found to be properly recorded. Court orders issued by the Clerk were supported by invoices, vouchers and payrolls bearing the approval of a Superior Court Justice.

**COUNTY FARM**

The accounts and records of the Superintendent of the County Farm were examined. Receipts of the Farm were checked by source through the triplicate receipt forms. All receipts, as recorded in the cash book, were properly accounted for by the Superintendent through deposits to the credit of the County Treasurer's account in the Woodsville National Bank.

Classified summaries of receipts and expenditures of the County Institutions for the years 1952 and 1953 are presented in Exhibits G and O, respectively.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

### Application of Chapter 73—Laws of 1951:

Section 1 of Chapter 73, Laws of 1951, relative to County appropriations and expenditures, reads as follows:

“1. APPROPRIATIONS. Amend chapter 44 of the Revised Laws as amended by chapter 142 of the Laws of 1947, by inserting after section 7 the following new sections: 7-a. EXCEEDING APPROPRIATIONS. No county commissioner shall pay, or agree to pay, or incur any liability for the payment of, any sum of money for which the county convention has made no appropriation, or in excess of any appropriation so made except for the payment of judgments rendered against the county. In the case of an emergency, however, county commissioners may apply to the executive committee, which, after a public hearing, may grant to the county commissioners authority in writing to make such emergency payment. Whenever it appears that the amount appropriated for a specific purpose will not be used in whole or part for such purpose, the county commissioners may use such sum to augment other appropriations, if necessary, provided the total payments for all purposes do not exceed the total sum of appropriations in any year made by the county convention.”

As indicated by Exhibit D, County expenditures in 1952 in comparison to budgetary appropriations were as follows:

#### Overdrafts of Appropria-

tions	\$27,169.92
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Unexpended Balances of	
Appropriations	17,467.77

Net Overdrafts of	
Appropriations	\$ 9,702.15

It is therefore noted that County expenditures in 1952 exceeded budgetary appropriations by \$9,702.15. We did not find that application was made to the executive committee of the Legislative Delegation or written authority granted by this committee to exceed appropriations as required by the provisions of this law.

#### **Debt Limit:**

The debt limit and borrowing capacity of Grafton County as of January 1, 1954, as provided by the Municipal Finance Act (Chapter 258 of the Laws of 1953, which amends and replaces Chapter 72 of the Revised Laws) is as follows:

1953 Assessed Valuation of Grafton County	
(All Towns)	\$89,760,109.00
Debt Limit (3% of Assessed Valuation)	\$ 2,692,803.00
Outstanding Bonds or Long Term Notes	
Net Borrowing Capacity	\$ 2,692,803.00

#### **Conclusion:**

The accounts and records of the County officials were found in good condition and the accounting and financial procedure, with exceptions as herein noted, conformed to prescribed methods.

In conformance with Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, a copy of this report or a summary of its essential features should be published in the next annual report of the County. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the publication of Exhibits is optional.

We extend our thanks to the officials of Grafton

County and the office staff for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,  
Harold G. Fowler  
Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor  
Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
Concord, New Hampshire  
May 21, 1954

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**Certificate of Audit**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Grafton County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953. In our opinion the Exhibits presented herewith reflect the true financial condition of the County and the results of operations for the periods under review.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold G. Fowler  
Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
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(Exhibits and Schedules on file in County  
Commissioners' Office)

**FINANCIAL REPORT****BALANCE SHEET**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

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**Assets****Cash on Hand:**

Treasurer	\$57,291.32
Supt. of County Farm	300.00

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\$57,591.32**Accounts Due County:**

(a) Taxes due from towns	None
(b) Accounts due farm	2,700.71
(c) Miscellaneous accounts	555.61

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3,256.32**Total Assets**

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\$60,847.64

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**Liabilities****Reserved for Authorized Expenditures:**

Microfilming Records	\$25,000.00
Repairs—Plymouth	
Court House	2,500.00

**Total Liabilities**

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\$27,500.00

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Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	\$33,347.64
Surplus—December 31, 1953	\$34,069.31
Surplus—December 31, 1954	33,347.64
Decrease of Surplus	721.67

FINANCIAL REPORT

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SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:

Land and Buildings:

(a) Court Houses	\$150,000.00
(b) Jail	82,500.00
(c) County Farm	375,000.00
(d) Water System	30,000.00

Furniture and Equipment:

(a) Court Houses	30,000.00
(b) Jail	1,600.00
(c) County Farm	46,000.00

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\$715,100.00

# **COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES**

	<b>Appropriations</b>		<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Unexp. Bal.</b>	<b>Overdraft</b>
	\$	10,450.00	\$	9,287.51	\$	\$
County Officers' Salaries		2,500.00		1,150.36		1,349.64
County Officers' Expenses		2,500.00		2,004.23		495.77
Register of Deeds Expenses		2,450.00		1,425.59		1,024.41
Register of Probate Expenses		*5,615.00		*5,981.94		366.94
Care and Supplies for Court Houses		7,000.00		5,739.45		1,260.55
Jury Payrolls		500.00		413.16		86.84
State vs. Payrolls		1,000.00		782.59		217.41
Counsel and Referee Fees		4,750.00		6,192.07		1,442.07
Stenographer—Solicitor		10,500.00		12,931.29		2,431.29
Clerk of Superior Court		8,500.00		7,605.61		894.39
Sheriff and Deputies		*83,000.00		*61,983.04		21,016.96
County Farm		18,000.00		*13,215.63		4,784.37
Support of Poor not on County Farm		15,000.00		*12,129.24		2,870.76
Old Age Assistance		500.00		933.28		433.28
Aid to Disabled		*27,000.00		*28,325.83		1,325.83
Board and Care of Children		5,000.00		*6,986.45		1,986.45
Aid to Soldiers		9,300.00		9,749.53		449.53
Welfare Administration Expense		2,100.00		937.50		1,162.50
Interest		15,465.00		15,465.00		
County Extension Service		2,500.00		2,352.40		147.60
Retirement System		1,000.00		363.55		636.45
Improvements—Court Houses		2,000.00		*3,220.52		1,220.52
Miscellaneous						

Less amount transferred from 1953	<u>\$236,630.00</u>	<u>\$209,175.77</u>	<u>\$37,110.14</u>	<u>\$9,655.91</u>
	25,140.74			
Amount of County Tax	<u>\$211,489.26</u>		9,655.91	
Net Unexpended Balance			<u>\$27,454.23</u>	
Net Expenditures		\$209,175.77		
Net Unexpended Balance		<u>27,454.23</u>		
		<u>\$236,630.00</u>		

\* Represents Net Figure—i.e. Total Expenditures less reimbursements.

**FINANCIAL REPORT****RECEIPTS AND****Current Revenue:**


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Taxes from towns and cities	\$211,489.26
Income of Institutions	
(a) County Farm	\$69,033.28
(b) Court Houses	385.00
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	69,418.28
Reimbursement of Expenditures for support of poor, etc.	
(a) From State of N. H.	152.22
(b) From other sources	6,935.95
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<b>Total Current Revenue Receipts</b>	<b>\$287,995.71</b>

(Receipts carried to page 46)

**PAYMENTS****FINANCIAL REPORT****Current Maintenance Expenses****General Government**

1. Salaries of		
(a) Commissioners	\$3,600.00	
(b) Treasurer	500.00	
(c) Auditors	200.00	
(d) Solicitor	2,400.00	
(e) Medical Referees	1,337.51	
(f) Sheriff	1,250.00	
		\$9,287.51
2. Expenses of		
(a) Commissioners	1,091.50	
(b) Treasurer	58.86	
(c) Register of Deeds	2,004.23	
(d) Register of Probate	1,425.59	
		\$4,580.18
3. Care and Supplies of		
Court Houses		\$6,397.85

**Superior Court**

4. Jury Payrolls	5,739.45	
5. "State vs.—" Payrolls	413.16	
6. Counsel and Referee fees	782.59	
7. Stenographer, Solicitor, etc.	6,192.07	
8. Clerk of Superior Court	12,931.29	
9. Sheriff and Deputies	7,605.61	
		\$33,664.17

(Payments carried to page 47)

**FINANCIAL REPORT****RECEIPTS AND**


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Total Receipts brought forward	\$287,995.71
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**Receipts Other than Current Revenue:**

Temporary loans during year	\$100,000.00
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	100,000.00
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<b>Total Receipts from all Sources</b>	<b>\$387,995.71</b>
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Cash on hand at beginning of year	55,277.83
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$443,273.54</b>
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**PAYMENTS****FINANCIAL REPORT****Public Welfare**


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10. County Farm expenditures	\$131,016.32
11. Support of poor not on County Farm	14,988.60
12. Old Age Assistance	12,281.46
13. Aid to Disabled	933.28
14. Board and care of Children	31,551.95
15. Aid to Soldiers	8,431.25
16. Welfare Administration	9,749.53
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	\$208,952.39
<b>Total Current Maintenance Expenses</b>	<b>\$262,882.10</b>

**Interest**

17. Paid on temporary loans	937.50
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**Indebtedness**

18. Payments on temporary loans	100,000.00
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**Outlay, New Construction**

19. County Court Houses	363.55
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**All Other Payments**

20. County Extension Service	15,465.00
21. Retirement System	2,352.40
22. Miscellaneous	3,681.67

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<b>Total Payments for all purposes</b>	<b>\$385,682.22</b>
Cash on hand at end of year	57,591.32

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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$443,273.54</b>
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## DETAIL OF RECEIPTS

### Taxes from Towns

Alexandria	\$ 1,503.69
Ashland	7,575.55
Bath	2,626.70
Benton	302.43
Bethlehem	9,775.03
Bridgewater	2,015.49
Bristol	8,068.32
Campton	5,431.04
Canaan	3,859.68
Dorchester	543.53
Easton	617.55
Ellsworth	124.78
Enfield	4,997.49
Franconia	3,770.85
Grafton	1,482.54
Groton	972.85
Hanover	23,240.55
Haverhill	12,181.78
Hebron	1,537.53
Holderness	6,835.33
Landaff	829.04
Lebanon	30,642.68
Lincoln	6,202.98
Lisbon	7,744.74
Littleton	17,868.73
Lyman	759.25
Lyme	2,482.88
Monroe	18,033.69
Orange	463.16
Orford	2,305.23
Piermont	3,058.13
Plymouth	12,044.31
Rumney	3,269.62
Thornton	1,723.64

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Warren	1,499.46
Waterville	209.37
Wentworth	1,389.49
Woodstock	3,500.15
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	\$211,489.26
No uncollected taxes	

**DETAIL OF RECEIPTS****Income of Institutions**

Grafton County Farm	\$69,033.28	
(See report of Supt. of County Farm)		
Use of Court Houses		
State Tax Commission	20.00	
Town of Plymouth	365.00	
	<hr/>	\$69,418.28

**Reimbursements**

State of New Hampshire		
Old Age Assistance		152.22
Other Sources		
Boarded Children	3,226.12	
Direct Relief	1,772.97	
Soldiers' Aid	1,444.80	
Refund—Workmen's Com-		
pensation Ins.	453.97	
Refund on Coal	9.24	
Refund on water rent	21.67	
Cancelled checks	7.18	
	<hr/>	6,935.95

**Temporary Loans During Year**

National State Capital Bank, Concord, N. H.		
Note No. 160, dated 3/1/54,		
due 12/1/54	100,000.00	
Above note discounted at 1.25		
per annum	<hr/>	\$100,000.00

## DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

### Current Maintenance Expenses

**Commissioners:**

Kenneth G. Bell	\$1,200.00
George F. Clement	1,200.00
Robert A. Jones	1,200.00

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\$3,600.00
**Treasurer:**

Lawrence M. Colby	500.00
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**Auditors:**

Horace B. Knight	100.00
George H. Richardson	100.00

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200.00
**Solicitor:**

Charles F. Tesreau	2,400.00
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**Medical Referees:**

Kenneth Churchill, M.D.	30.36
L. B. Copenhaver, M.D.	15.00
R. F. DeWitt, M.D.	105.70
I. A. Dinerman, M.D.	33.50
Frank G. Dudley, M.D.	38.80
R. K. House, M.D.	100.00
R. E. Miller, M.D.	750.00
L. M. Orton, M.D.	48.30
W. F. Putnam, M.D.	210.45
Walter A. Rihl, M.D.	5.40

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\$1,337.51
**Sheriff:**

Herbert W. Ash	1,250.00
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**Expenses of County Officers**

Kenneth G. Bell, Commissioner	443.00	
George F. Clement, Commissioner	225.90	
Robert A. Jones, Commissioner	422.60	
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		1,091.50
Lawrence M. Colby, Treasurer		58.86

**Register of Deeds**

F. J. Shores, telephone	\$	62.65	
F. J. Shores, supplies & express		12.64	
Courier Printing Co., printing		46.51	
Hall & McChesney, supplies		463.67	
Keystone Envelope Co., supplies		60.75	
E. B. Mann & Co., supplies		.95	
A. E. Martell Co., supplies		123.69	
S. F. McAllister, supplies		1.50	
Record Print., printing		77.17	
Remington Rand, Inc., supplies		1,008.27	
Rochester Courier, supplies		14.39	
Scruggs Hardware, labor		10.08	
Sherwin & Son, supplies		2.55	
Stewart, Warren & Benson, supplies		95.50	
Fred L. Tower Company, register		12.90	
White River Paper Company, supplies		10.01	
Woodsville Furniture Co., labor		1.00	
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			\$2,004.23

**Register of Probate**

Anna D. Proctor, express, postage		
misc.	\$	66.23
Bartlett Ins. Agency, deputy's bond		23.13
Hall & McChesney, supplies		198.66
Carl Larson, supplies		316.20
S. F. McAllister, supplies		28.70
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service		146.20
Fred L. Tower Company, register		12.90

Tuttle Stationery Company, supplies	405.65	
White River Paper Company, supplies	35.86	
Judge Henry A. Dodge,		
telephone, express, postage	42.06	
Littleton National Bank,		
rent Judge's office	150.00	
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		\$1,425.59

### Care and Supplies of Court Houses

Melvin Adams, cartage	\$	76.00
Adams Market, soap		1.00
Atlas Products Co., supplies		53.32
Earl Bailey, labor		38.63
Boston & Maine Railroad,		
freight on coal		353.80
William Brill, labor		20.00
Ralph W. Cass, labor		7.70
Charles Decker, labor		5.00
Deming Oil Co., oil		822.93
Jack Douglas, repairs		2.00
Eastern States Farmers Ex-		
change, salt		4.20
Fracher's, supplies		1.21
Clarence Greenwood, janitor		300.00
Gulf Oil Corp, floor oil		2.75
Insurance		691.87
Cecil Langway, janitor		2,170.00
Melvin Logan, labor		44.80
E. B. Mann & Company, supplies		6.06
S. F. McAllister, repairs		3.50
Carl Nelson, cartage		1.00
D. H. Newell Co., coal		384.69
Rand's, supplies		46.88
Harleen Samaha, labor		2.50
Scruggs Hardware, labor & supplies		505.74
Water Dept. Plymouth Village, rent		51.67

White Mountain Power Co., service	120.74
White River Paper Co., supplies	66.34
Woodsville Fuel Co., unloading coal	106.32
Woodsville Water & Light Dept., water & electric service	507.20

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\$6,397.85

### Superior Court — Counsel and Referee Fees

Huntington & Mullavey, attorney fees	\$100.00
Francis W. Johnston, attorney fees	164.83
Fred A. Jones, attorney fees	25.00
Robert A. Jones, attorney fees	25.00
Normandin & Normandin, attorney fees	306.11
Unwar J. Samaha, attorney fees	57.50
Leonard Sawyer, attorney fees	25.00
C. Murray Sawyer, attorney fees	79.15

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\$782.59

### Stenographer — County Solicitor, etc.

Ernest W. Nolin, stenographer fees	\$262.88
Frances M. Doherty, stenog. fees	6.25
Martha A. Forsberg, stenog. fees	63.50
Paul A. Sheehan, stenog. fees	1,341.48
Laurent Trask, stenog. fees	202.99
State Treasurer, Allowance stenographers	2,207.12
Charles F. Tesreau, Solicitor expenses, supplies	1,282.85
Charles F. Tesreau, clerk hire	750.00
Chas. C. Rogers Co., stenog's chair	50.00
Woodsville Furniture Co., autopsy service	25.00

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\$6,192.07

### Clerk of Superior Court

American Law Book Co., supplies	\$15.00
R. T. Bartlett Ins. Agency, bonds	50.00
Boston Law Book Co., supplies	61.00
Hall & McChesney, supplies	439.32
Arthur S. Healey, printing	19.35
Int'l Business Mach. Corp., repairs	35.96
Lawyers Cooperative Pub. Co., supplies	212.00
Northern Office Supply Co., supplies	11.10
Remington Rand, Inc., supplies	249.25
Chas. C. Rogers Co., supplies	4.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	1,105.54
Unwar J. Samaha, salary and expense	9,667.48
Secretary of State, supplies	9.00
Shepard's Citations, supplies	18.00
George Shovan, Supreme Court Opinions	25.00
Kellett Stockheimer, P.M. postage	258.14
Fred L. Tower Company, register	12.90
Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	131.43
Twin State Pub. Co., docket and printing	606.82
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	\$12,931.29

### Sheriff and Deputies

Herbert W. Ash, fees, expenses, attendance	\$3,372.51
Herbert W. Ash, clerk hire	500.00
Harry T. Andross, fees, expenses, attendance	267.00
Jerold M. Ashley, fees, expenses, attendance	438.90
Arthur Chandler, fees, expenses, attendance	155.25

John L. Farnham,	
fees, expenses, attendance	510.33
Theodore Gardner,	
fees, expenses, attendance	1,489.52
Stanley Hubbard,	
fees, expenses, attendance	22.00
Fred L. Johnson,	
fees, expenses, attendance	582.85
Hyman Kaplan,	
fees, expenses, attendance	45.70
Wilfred J. Larty,	
fees, expenses, attendance	21.50
Howard Sanborn,	
fees, expenses, attendance	37.00
Harold O. Swan,	
fees, expenses, attendance	24.80
Rufus Vintinner,	
fees, expenses, attendance	53.15
Ayer Insurance Agency, deputy's bond	5.00
I. N. Bielanowski, Mgr.,	
deputy's bond	20.00
Merrill's Ins. Agency, deputy's bond	20.00
Geyer's Pharmacy, camera	22.50
Robert H. Leavitt, Adm.	
legal paper	7.60
State of New Hampshire,	
Revised Laws	10.00
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	\$7,605.61

## DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

### Statement of Old Age Assistance, Boarded Children and Aid to Disabled

1954	Old Age Asst.		Boarded Children		Disabled	
	Cases	Amount	Cases	Amount	Cases	Amount
January	68	\$ 1,120.85	69	\$ 2,656.95	3	\$ 78.75
February	66	1,180.06	68	2,566.89	3	78.75
March	63	1,011.54	67	2,636.40	3	78.75
April	62	1,162.37	68	2,833.16	3	78.75
May	59	976.68	71	2,980.28	3	78.75
June	61	1,027.03	69	2,668.79	3	78.75
July	62	1,009.63	66	2,590.23	3	76.30
August	61	988.05	61	2,368.10	3	76.30
September	60	918.66	60	2,208.39	3	76.30
October	60	924.99	61	2,607.85	3	76.30
November	60	1,006.60	61	2,631.81	3	76.30
December	59	955.00	64	2,803.10	3	79.28
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		\$12,281.46		\$31,551.95		\$933.28

### County Farm Expenditures

(See Superintendent's Report—Page 69)

# DETAIL OF PAYMENTS — PUBLIC WELFARE

	Disabled	Poor not on County Farm	Old Age Assistance	Board & Care of Children	Aid to Soldiers	Total
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Alexandria			96.74		377.66	96.74
Ashland			501.08	1.00	879.74	879.74
Bath			260.25	375.21	20.00	655.46
Bethlehem		\$ 50.00	358.54	87.50		496.04
Bridgewater		376.18	216.00			592.18
Bristol	\$	1,214.07	189.75	2,354.87	386.10	4,144.79
Campton			109.66	45.43		155.09
Canaan		390.50	293.13	479.67	899.61	2,062.91
Dorchester		12.00			12.00	
Enfield		3,019.45	1,183.08	561.74	506.46	5,270.73
Franconia				245.00		245.00
Grafton			227.03		300.89	527.92
Groton		95.00			135.26	230.26
Hanover		140.76	396.18	438.00	180.72	1,155.66
Haverhill		683.54	1,586.07	1,899.90	291.74	4,461.25
Holderness				432.51		432.51
Landaff		262.90			14.57	277.47
Lebanon	\$614.08	5,513.49	2,031.00	9,126.70	3,487.79	20,773.06
Lincoln		78.88	57.75			136.63
Lisbon		659.53	198.75	8,236.81		9,095.09
Littleton		876.79	1,720.00	5,665.72	112.56	8,375.07
Lyman		100.00			40.00	140.00
Lyme		876.76	119.78		196.35	1,192.89
Orange			342.32			342.32
Orford			383.25	545.69		928.94
Piermont			42.00	221.23		263.23
Plymouth			1,358.11		1,467.38	3,144.69
Rumney	319.20		362.36			362.36
Thornton				376.47		376.47
Warren		48.00	49.88	458.50		556.38
Wentworth		590.75	20.25		14.16	625.16
Woodstock			178.50			178.50
	\$933.28	\$14,988.60	\$12,281.46	\$31,551.95	\$ 8,431.25	\$68,186.54

## DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

### Welfare Administration Expense

The Ammonoosuc Press, supplies	\$ 31.08
Caledonia Typewriter Co., supplies	21.60
Carol Printing Co., supplies	6.84
Columbian Art Works, supplies	1.25
Densmore & Eastman, rent	
Lebanon Office	300.00
Eastern Standard Supply Co., supplies	12.58
Granite State Electric Co., lights	18.00
Evelyn J. Hammond, office supplies	10.88
Hunt's Dept. Store, supplies	7.21
R. H. Llewellyn Co., supplies	7.50
E. B. Mann & Co., supplies	5.80
A. E. Martell Co., supplies	57.35
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	1,034.04
Northern Office Supply Co., repairs typewriter	14.25
Office Supply Ctr., repairs typewriter	22.25
Remington Rand, Inc., supplies	34.05
Royal Typewriter Co., typewriter	162.50
State Planning Board, manual	.50
Twin State Pub. Co., supplies	10.10
White River Paper Co., supplies	20.71
Woodsville Post Office, postage	149.70
Salaries of Investigators (2)	4,152.00
Expenses of Investigators (2)	1,868.78
Clerical expense—Welfare office	1,800.56
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	\$9,749.53

**DETAIL OF PAYMENTS****Interest**

National State Capital Bank, Concord, N. H.	
Interest on temporary loan No. 160	\$937.50

**Indebtedness**

National State Capital Bank, Concord, N. H.	
Payment of temporary loan No. 160	\$100,000.00

**Outlay, New Construction, Court Houses**

A. A. Burt, labor, Plymouth		
Court House	\$127.02	
Malcolm C. Cayes, labor		
Court House	53.46	
Edward Maynard, labor		
Court House	55.37	
Plymouth Furniture Co., shades	42.70	
Heath & Fadden, roof work	85.00	
		\$363.55

**All Other Payments**

County Extension Service		\$15,465.00
Retirement System		2,352.40
Miscellaneous		
Ayer Insurance Agency,		
workmen's compensation	\$556.10	
Ammonoosuc Press,		
County Reports	309.68	
Littleton Nat'l Bank, checks	90.03	
Woodsville Post office,		
postage on reports	15.00	
Twin State Pub. Co., notice	6.00	
Division of Municipal Accounting,		
Audit	252.97	
The Outlet Store, mdse	29.21	
Thurston's, labor	3.00	

Hudson & Ingram, Court	
House plans	12.00
Hudson & Ingram, architects	
fees	500.00
Adams Locker, rent	8.00
State of New Hampshire, service charge	
Surplus Foods	584.16
Delegation Expense	
Herbert Ashley	9.00
Edith Atkins	10.20
Chester A. Avery	55.00
Lyle Brown	19.00
Forrest Cole	189.40
Charles Dixon	34.00
Norman Fox	19.50
Robert J. Fuller	53.40
Van Gardner	37.00
Charles Gilbert	33.60
Hiram Gingras	65.00
Charles Griffin	185.17
Ida Horner	42.55
Fred Jones	60.00
Eda Martin	167.00
Edgar C. McClellan	39.00
Nina Peabody	25.00
Joseph Perley	60.00
Thomas F. Sawyer	9.00
Arthur E. Snell	69.50
William Stockwell, Jr.	59.20
Ralph H. Varney	7.00
Philip Willey	67.00

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\$3,681.67

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Receipts

Cash Balance from year 1953	\$ 54,977.83
Taxes collected from towns	211,489.26
Temporary loans	100,000.00
Grafton County Farm	69,033.28
Court Houses	385.00
Reimbursement for Board of Children	3,226.12
Reimbursement for Direct Relief	1,772.97
Reimbursement for Soldiers' Aid	1,444.80
Reimbursement for Old Age Assistance	152.22
Refund on Workmen's Compensation	453.97
Refund on coal shortage	9.24
Refund on water rent	21.67
Cancelled checks	7.18
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	\$442,973.54

### Disbursements

Commissioners Orders	\$254,640.17
Court Orders	30,104.55
Payment on Temporary Loans	100,000.00
Interest on Temporary loans	937.50
Cash in Treasurer's hands Dec. 31, 1954	57,291.32
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	\$442,973.54

## COMPARATIVE DEBT STATEMENT

	Dec. 31, 1953	Dec. 31, 1954
Temporary loans outstanding		None
Cash on hand	\$55,277.83	\$57,591.32
Bills receivable	3,932.22	3,256.32
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	\$59,210.05	\$60,847.64
Bills payable	None	None
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SURPLUS	\$59,210.05	\$60,847.64

**DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WELFARE  
INVESTIGATORS' EXPENSE**

	Mileage	Hotel and Subsistence	Other Expense	Total
*Beatrice M. Warren				
16,381 mi. at 7c	\$1,146.67	\$ 41.90	\$64.00	\$1,252.57
Home visits 884				
Contacts made 896				
Collections made \$3,434.68				
**Evelyn J. Hammond				
7,548 mi. at 7c	528.36	68.35	19.50	616.21
Home visits 275				
Contacts made 2552				
Collections made \$1,053.91				
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	\$1,675.03	\$110.25	\$83.50	\$1,868.78

\* Covers Littleton and Plymouth Districts

\*\* Covers Lebanon District

**DETAILED ACCOUNT OF COUNTY OFFICERS' EXPENSES**

	Mileage	Hotel and Subsistence	Other Expense	Total
Kenneth G. Bell Commissioner	\$431.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 443.00
George F. Clement Commissioner	208.05	5.50	12.35	225.90
Robert A. Jones Commissioner	412.10	8.50	2.00	422.60
Lawrence M. Colby Treasurer	55.20		3.66	58.86
Charles F. Tesreau Solicitor	373.12	102.45	807.28	1,282.85
Herbert W. Ash Sheriff				
Court Attendance \$1,420.00	385.00	80.85	177.25	2,063.10
Criminal Service \$385.00	408.40	32.35	483.66	1,309.41

**COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954**  
**Grafton County**

**County Treasurer's Account**

Balance on hand January 1, 1954	\$54,977.83	
Receipts—Year Ended		
December 31, 1954	387,995.71	
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	\$442,973.54	
Payments—Year Ended		
December 31, 1954	385,682.22	
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Balance—December 31, 1954		
as per Cash Book		\$57,291.32
Balance in Woodsville Nat'l Bank	11,065.19	
Littleton Nat'l Bank	53,213.54	
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As per statements of		
December 31, 1954	\$64,278.73	
Less outstanding orders	6,987.41	
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Reconciled bank balance		
as of Dec. 31, 1954		\$57,291.32

**County Farm Superintendent's Account**

Total Amount of Receipts from		
Institution—Year ended		
Dec. 31, 1954	\$69,033.28	
Total Remittance to County		
Treasurer—Year ended		
Dec. 31, 1954	69,033.28	
Superintendent's Balance on hand		
January 1, 1954	300.00	

Superintendent's Balance on hand  
December 31, 1954 300.00

**Indebtedness—December 31, 1954**

Outstanding Temporary Loans in anticipation of Taxes	None
Outstanding Long Term Notes	None
Outstanding Bonds	None
Bills owed by County	None

**County Taxes Uncollected—December 31, 1954**

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	None
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Signed:

G. H. RICHARDSON

H. B. KNIGHT

County Auditors

Date—January 7, 1955

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Woodsville, N. H.

December 31, 1954

We hereby certify that there were no outstanding bills against the County December 31, 1954, which were presented for payment and no orders issued by us which have not been paid by the Treasurer.

KENNETH G. BELL

ROBERT A. JONES

GEORGE F. CLEMENT

Grafton County Commissioners

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State of New Hampshire, Grafton, ss

December 31, 1954

Personally appeared the above named Kenneth G. Bell, George F. Clement and Robert A. Jones and made oath to the truth of the above statement by them signed.

FRED J. SHORES

Justice of the Peace

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Grafton County Farm  
Haverhill, N. H.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of the Grafton County Farm Almshouse, House of Correction and Jail for the year ended December 31, 1954.

### ALMSHOUSE

Number of Inmates January 1, 1954	73
Number admitted during year	101
Number discharged during year	89
Number of deaths during year	15
Number of Inmates January 1, 1955	70

### HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Number of Inmates January 1, 1954	10
Number admitted during year	73
Number discharged during year	67
Number of Inmates on January 1, 1955	16

### JAIL

Number of Inmates on January 1, 1954	3
Number admitted during year	37
Number discharged during year	35
Number of Inmates January 1, 1955	5

Number of weeks' board furnished inmates, House of Correction and Jail not paid by towns, individuals or others, 3,069 weeks and 5 days.

Number of weeks' board furnished other than above mentioned, 1,035 weeks and 1 day.

## COUNTY FARM EXPENDITURES

### Institution

Labor	\$19,988.40
Provisions	10,968.79
Clothing	2,435.49
Supplies and equipment	7,002.91
Fuel, including freight	7,513.50
Additions and repairs	3,418.37
Water and lights	2,664.10
Freight, express, telephone	830.79
Insurance	1,581.82
Roach Extermination	198.00
Services of Clergy	130.00
Expense Superintendent's car	301.10
Superintendent's bond	40.00
Fixed charges and other expenses	647.64

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\$57,720.91

### Farm

Truck and tractor expense	\$ 2,733.36
Taxes	2,539.50
Insurance	657.54
Light and power	1,013.50
Labor	8,965.80
Feed	24,084.81
Supplies	957.81
Repairs	3,626.84
Equipment	984.12
Fertilizer	2,061.20
Veterinary	451.00
Milk testing	191.71
Registering cattle	112.75
Seeds	328.08
Bedding	904.50
Bulldozer (pasture improvement)	377.00
Bulldozer & fill for washout	235.64

Livestock and poultry	985.00	
Miscellaneous	346.00	
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		\$51,556.16

**Hospital**

Doctors	\$ 2,807.50	
Labor—Nurses and Aides	11,479.42	
Laboratory work	197.50	
Supplies and equipment	1,676.05	
Cancer Commission	1,088.85	
Repairs	91.41	
Miscellaneous	98.35	
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		\$17,439.08

**Jail**

Labor	\$3,740.04	
Repairs	26.18	
Supplies	246.36	
Insurance	258.40	
Other expenses	29.19	
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		\$4,300.17

Total Expense	\$131,016.32	
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**Receipts**

Boarders	\$10,266.75	
Hospital	17,026.95	
Farm:		
Cattle & swine	\$ 7,358.98	
Milk and cream	32,010.96	
Other income	2,161.45	
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		\$41,531.39

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Miscellaneous	208.19
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Total Receipts	\$69,033.228
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Cash advanced by Commissioners	300.00
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\$69,333.28

**Expenditures**

Paid County Treasurer	\$69,033.28
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Cash on hand December 31, 1954	300.00
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\$69,333.28

## INVENTORY

### Personal Property of Grafton County Farm December 31, 1953

Livestock	\$48,230.00
Products and supplies	11,123.41
Farm implements	21,832.61
Household furniture	5,599.00
Supplies and equip't—institution	26,534.40
Jail and House of Correction	1,519.89
Chapel	393.00
Hospital	11,894.24
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	\$127,126.55

### Personal Property of Grafton County Farm December 31, 1954

Livestock	\$47,687.50
Products and supplies	17,859.86
Farm implements	22,475.80
Household furniture	5,704.45
Supplies and equip't—institution	27,292.74
Jail and House of Correction	1,516.25
Chapel	974.00
Hospital	12,235.08
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	\$135,745.68

### Per Capita Cost of Inmates at County Farm, including Almshouse, House of Correction and Jail

	Weeks	Days
Almshouse	2,221	6
House of Correction	687	3
Jail	160	3
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	3,068	12

Town boarders	512	3
Private boarders and others	232	6
Old Age Assistance, ADC, etc.	289	6
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	4,101	27
Total 4,104 wks and 6 days		
County Farm expenditures	\$131,016.32	
Inventory of personal property		
at beginning of year	127,126.55	
Accounts due Farm at		
beginning of year	3,655.36	
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		\$261,798.23
County Farm receipts	\$ 69,033.28	
Inventory at end of year	135,745.68	
Accounts due Farm	2,700.71	
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		207,479.67
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Balance against Farm		\$ 54,318.56
Per capita cost per week including		
boarders and public welfare cases, but		
excluding employees and guests: \$13.23 plus		

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In the year of 1954 our farm operation continued with very little change. Our crops were very large but hard to harvest due to the wet weather throughout the summer. A new silo was erected on the south end of the barn to replace the one taken down on the north end. Two of our silos were filled with grass and green oats and the other two with corn, making us a total of about eight hundred tons.

The hay crop was very large as we baled two hundred and forty-three tons of first cutting and one hundred and forty of second. Thanks to the New Hampshire National Guard for helping move the equipment to the island due to the continued high water.

The herd has continued to improve in appearance and production. The fair premiums exceeded six hundred dollars, with many blue and purple ribbons. Production increased over 1953, 81.3 milkers averaged 11,109 pounds of milk with a 3.81 plus test making a total of 424 pounds of fat. We consigned two heifers to the Strafford County Sale at Durham and two to the New England Sale at Northampton with satisfactory results, the top being a four-year-old which brought eight hundred and twenty dollars.

A young sire has been purchased from Shaws Ridge Farm at Sanford, Maine, a Crete Tidy son out of a Golden Tidy daughter, with a three-year-two-months record of six hundred six fat on a two time milking and a four point three test and is a promising young animal.

We completed putting comfort stalls in the main stable and are looking forward to a much needed milk room this coming year.

There has been little change in our working staff in the institution. Dr. McKinlay took Dr. Campbell's place during his illness. We were very fortunate to have him, but glad Dr. Campbell is able to resume his duties.

A movie projector was purchased which adds to the entertainment of the residents. Mrs. Agnes Leonard gave a radio to the women which, we are sure, few people realize how much they enjoy. Several feather beds were given to the institution which were much appreciated.

There has been quite a lot of painting done, which we hope to continue this coming year.

About one hundred and fifty attended the Christmas Party which was a memorable event as usual, with Santa Claus, trees and gifts. We appreciate the interest of outside people shown by their attendance and gifts sent in. We wish to thank Mrs. Blaisdell who sent favors at Thanksgiving time, the W. C. T. U. and

Philathea group of Lebanon, Girl Scouts of Bradford, and the Ladies of the Baptist Church of Campton for Christmas gifts, Mr. Andrews for fruit at New Year's and Mr. Vigent for candy. Carol singing by Bradford Scouts, North Haverhill young people, Lions Club and a group from the Woodsville Methodist Church was much enjoyed by all our people.

Rev. and Mrs. Robbins have held services every other Sunday and a group from Groton came alternate Sundays with a song and worship service. Several from Lisbon came once a month with Rev. Hanssmann. The Catholics have been cared for by Father Boulay and his assistant. Rev. and Mrs. Cole also called and conducted a service for our one Episcopalian. We welcome all of these and appreciate their efforts in bringing help and guidance to everyone.

It has been a pleasure to work with our Commissioners, Doctors, Chaplains, and especially appreciate the cooperation of our staff, without which we could accomplish nothing.

Respectfully submitted,

ERVILLE H. ALDRICH  
Superintendent

CHRISTELE ALDRICH  
Matron

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We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Superintendent of the County Farm for the year ended December 31, 1954 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

KENNETH C. BELL  
ROBERT A. JONES  
GEORGE F. CLEMENT  
Grafton County Commissioners

## INMATES OF GRAFTON COUNTY ALMSHOUSE

Name	Town	Time Supported		
		Age	Weeks	Days
Ethel Hall*	Alexandria	56	52	1
Lily Watson*	Ashland	73	52	1
Mabel Randall*	Ashland	62	52	1
William Ferrill*	Bath	84	52	1
Harry Hill*	Bath	41	1	2
Marie Jervah*	Bethlehem	47	52	1
Peter Kloubowesz*	Bethlehem	58	52	1
Dixie Lee Boardman	Bethlehem	16		1
Gustave Anderson*	Bridgewater	80	52	1
Sarah Ferrin*	Bristol	44	52	1
John Lassila*	Campton	68	52	1
James Ansley*	Canaan	88	36	4
Charles Hackett*	Canaan	79	4	4
James Kennedy*	Easton	65	52	1
Gusti Latvali*	Enfield	73	52	1
Nellie Vinal	Enfield	66	6	4
Israel Peasley*	Enfield	66	41	1
Lee Paradise	Enfield	52	1	3
Alice Jewell*	Groton	74	52	1
Benjamin Raymond*	Groton	64	52	1
Joseph Moran*	Grafton	61	52	1
Harry Priest	Hanover	48	3	5
Raymond Gibson	Hanover	34		4
Phyllis Gibson	Hanover	30		4
Ralph Gibson	Hanover	13		4
Arnold Gibson	Hanover	11		4
Diane Gibson	Hanover	10		4
Cheryl Gibson	Hanover	7		4
Russell Gibson	Hanover	6		4
Edward Hoyt*	Haverhill	48	52	1
Ned Ware*	Haverhill	75	52	1
David Carlisle	Haverhill	83	43	6
Frank Mossey	Haverhill	74	12	6
Corliss Pascal	Haverhill	81	3	1
John Gilman	Haverhill	90	24	5
Thomas Daley	Haverhill	57		4
Adam Bagdonis	Haverhill	71	1	4
Neil Naughton	Haverhill	69		2
Leo Casper	Haverhill	64		3
Edward Thibault	Haverhill	65	2	2
Keneln Parker	Haverhill	9		1
William Bartell	Haverhill	52	1	
Virginia Emery*	Holderness	36	52	1
Edward Rasicot	Landaff	19		6
Annie Johnson	Lebanon	56	36	1
Mildred Johnson*	Lebanon	63	52	1
Maude Quimby*	Lebanon	57	52	1
Vincent Hopper	Lebanon	73	17	1
George Harper*	Lebanon	85	52	1
Fred Clement*	Lebanon	62	52	1
Telephor Clement*	Lebanon	86	52	1

## INMATES OF GRAFTON COUNTY ALMSHOUSE

Name	Town	Time Supported		
		Age	Weeks	Days
Henry Hyvonen*	Lebanon	68	11	4
Roy Brannon	Lebanon	42	1	2
Roosevelt McKella*	Lebanon	46	3	2
Joseph Fenton*	Lincoln	81	52	1
Alphonse Martel	Lincoln	54	4	5
Howard Gray	Lincoln	54	14	1
Haleck Casey*	Lincoln	65	30	2
William Goodwin*	Lisbon	78	52	1
Margaret Ash*	Lisbon	76	52	1
Leon Forin	Lisbon		9	5
Leon Davis	Lisbon	70	26	
Linda Ward	Lisbon	9 mo's	5	1
Carl Miner*	Littleton	75	52	1
Edward Lyons	Littleton	77	25	
Patrick Joyce*	Littleton	96	52	1
Catherine Hill*	Littleton	71	49	3
Henry Keto	Littleton	41	5	
Della Wright	Littleton	68	8	3
Christine McDonald*	Lyman	16	52	1
Edwin Chandler	Lyme	63	9	3
Helen Pike	Lyme	21		5
James Pike	Lyme	1 day		5
Bertha Tattersall	Lyme	27	10	5
Annie Monroe*	Monroe	64	52	1
Helen Judd*	Monroe	20	52	1
Jerry Tolman*	Orford	42	52	1
Flora Miles*	Piermont	45	52	1
Earle LaMontangue*	Piermont	56	52	1
Robert Gould	Plymouth	59	6	1
James Murphy	Plymouth	68		5
Harold Avery	Rumney	15	1	
Alfred Dole	Warren	81	7	2
Oscar Hill*	Warren	47		5
Eleanor Hill*	Warren	22	1	
George Clough*	Wentworth	80	24	2

\* Indicates inmates now at farm.

Private boarders and public welfare cases not listed.

## TOWN BOARDERS AT GRAFTON COUNTY FARM

Name	Town	Time Supported		
		Age	Weeks	Days
Bessie Nelson*	Hanover	68	52	1
Mary Wilde*	Haverhill	59	14	6
Charles Willis	Haverhill	84	3	3
Charles Perkins	Haverhill	76		1
Joyce Miner	Haverhill	15 mo's	2	4
Bernice Miner	Haverhill	40	1	5
Sadie Caron*	Lebanon	53	52	1
John Gagnon	Lebanon	74	6	
Bertha Macy*	Lebanon	64	21	
John Simo*	Lebanon	80	23	6
John Prowelenzy*	Lincoln	68	52	1
George Polichuke*	Lincoln	76	52	1
Joseph Smith	Lincoln	82	3	2
Jessie Burden	Lincoln	53	1	
William Lyndes	Lisbon	60	8	
Joseph Houle*	Littleton	84	52	1
Excelia Foster	Littleton	60	7	4
Robert Hamilton	Littleton	70	25	6
Ruth Gilman	Piermont	47	6	5
Ernest Kendrick	Plymouth	61	19	
Eva LaFrance	Plymouth	48		2
Calvin Sargent*	Woodstock	61	52	1
James Ward*	Woodstock	75	52	1
Madeline Hanson*	Wells River	58	2	1

\* Indicates inmates now at farm.

**INMATES OF GRAFTON COUNTY  
HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

Name	Court	Crime	Time Served		
			Age	Wks	Days
Monroe, Frank D., Lebanon, Stealing			34	2	6
Page, Maurice, Haverhill, Sex Assault			25	30	6
Borry, Adin, Bristol, Drunk, Assault			35	7	0
Reynolds, Robert E., Littleton, Non-Support			27	0	6
Duffy, Delayed John, Haverhill, Begging			63	3	2
Wilson, Chester R., Lisbon, Drunk Driving			46	7	0
Keto, Henry W., Littleton, Drunk, Dist. the Peace			46	7	1
Bolduc, Francis, Littleton, Drunk			26	7	3
Perkins, Charles D., Littleton, Oper. Motor Veh. to End.			24	0	6
Brown, Harold C., Haverhill, Drunk			52	7	5
Hill, Harry L., Littleton, Drunk, Stealing car			40	11	4
Picknell, Walter H., Lebanon, Stealing car			19	22	3
King, Leon H., Littleton, Begging			60	10	2
DeLong, John, Lebanon, Non-Support			49	23	0
Gould, Robert H., Haverhill, Drunk			59	11	4
Reid, Arthur D., Plymouth, Drunk Driving			31	12	6
Burt, Richard Ray, Littleton, Stealing Truck			20	44	5
Fowler, Walter, Canaan, Drunk, Light Cig. from car			39	0	6
Paul, Louis, Haverhill, Drunk			42	1	5
Deswisseau, Eli, Littleton, Defraud			48	41	3
Tattersall, George, Lebanon, Non-Support			29	23	0
Allard, Raymond L., Plymouth, Br. and Ent. in night			16	0	4
Santy, Rodney, Lisbon, Throw glass on highway			18	0	2
Haynes, Guy, Jr., Littleton, Furn. beer for minors			22	4	0
Marsh, Lawrence, Littleton, Drunk, Dis. the peace			31	4	0
Hammell, Leon, Plymouth, Stealing			40	11	6
Wilson, Daniel, Littleton, Drunk			44	1	3
O'Neil, Gerald, Lebanon, Bad Check			54	17	3
McCarthy, David, Littleton, Drunk			53	7	5
Brown, Percy, Littleton, Begging			59	4	0
Bergeron, Eugene, Haverhill, Stealing Auto			24	15	2
Judd, William Roge, Haverhill, Assault			18	3	6
Sunn, George N., Haverhill, Assault			20	3	6
Lorden, Jerry, Haverhill, Drunk			76	2	6
Mossey, Frank N., Littleton, Indecent Conduct			73	10	4
Bean, Hugh, Lisbon, Contempt			47	10	2
Keto, Henry Williams, Littleton, Drunk, Dis., Br. of Pe'e			47	10	0
Plume, Charles, Lebanon, Drunk			22	7	5
Heath, Woodrow, Littleton, Drunk, Breach of Peace			41	4	0
Williams, Frank, Haverhill, Drunk			76	4	0
Waldron, Clarence G., Plymouth, Take Car Without Owners Permission			32	5	0
Kaso, Niles, Littleton, Lewd, Lascivious conduct			61	4	4
Caron, Leo J., Woodstock, Op. Car When Un. Inf.			24	4	3
McCarthy, David, Woodsville, Drunk			53	3	5
Morin, Paul M., Lebanon, Lewd, Lascivious conduct			24	3	1
Brown, Carrol, Woodsville, Drunk, Intoxicated			34	2	4
Laro, Paul A., Littleton, Disregard Court Summons			23	0	4
Desrosiers, Peter O., Littleton, All. Unlic. Per. to Oper. Motor Vehicle			40	0	1

**INMATES OF GRAFTON COUNTY  
HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

Name	Court	Crime	Time Served		
			Age	Wks	Days
Whittig, Otto R., Lisbon, Drunk			35	3	4
Steven, Duffey, Haverhill, Drunk			55	11	3
Sullivan, Fred, Haverhill, Drunk			67	4	3
Kenney, Katherine F., Enfield, Drunk			51	3	6
Storey, Henry, Haverhill, Drunk			33	30	6
Dupont, John, Haverhill, Drunk			54	0	4
Wyatt, Edward L., Plymouth, Break. and Enter.			20	33	5
Day, Robert, Lisbon, Assault			23	11	4
LaBrie, Joseph, Plymouth, Non-Support			47	23	6
Henry, Paul, Lebanon, Drunk			31	7	5
Mossey, Frank, Haverhill, Drunk			71	3	5
Foster, Roger, Lebanon, Drunk			69	11	4
St. Francis, Joseph, Bethlehem, Stealing			28	17	3
Champagne, Leadore, Bethlehem, Drunk			23	3	4
Matheson, Charles, Lincoln, Break. and Enter.			31	23	6
Murphy, Donald J., Lincoln, Break. and Enter.			41	23	6
Champagne, Leodore, Haverhill, Drunk			23	7	5
Hudson, Edward F., Haverhill, Brawl and Insult			32	8	2
Benett, Russell, Bethlehem, Stealing			20	3	5
Quinn, John, Haverhill, Drunk			69	7	5
Manning, Myron, Haverhill, Drunk			39	3	3
Sullivan, Thomas, Littleton, Drunk			53	3	3
Brown, Percy, Haverhill, Drunk			59	3	6
Pike, Horace E., Haverhill, Assault			34	3	4
Noyes, Milton A., Littleton, Drunk			41	3	6

## INMATES OF GRAFTON COUNTY JAIL

Name	Court	Crime	Time Served		
			Age	Wks	Days
Whipple, Edw. L., Canaan, Stealing			25	1	6
Hardy, Alphonse, Lebanon, Contempt of court			41	23	0
Ray, William F., Lebanon, Contempt of court			25	24	2
Frost, Roland, Lebanon, Contempt of court			36	0	4
Bean, Hugh, Lebanon, Contempt of court			46	0	4
Perham, Walter L., Hanover, Bad Checks			31	2	2
Corliss, Bernard, Littleton, Non-Support			28	4	4
Corliss, Catherine, Lisbon, Abandon Children			29	4	4
Wolff, Arthur, Lebanon, Larceny in N. Y. State			47	0	4
Craig, William, Plymouth, Bad Check			43	0	1
Maynard, Robert, Lebanon, Break, Enter night time			23	2	0
Wyatt, Edward, Lebanon, Break, Enter night time			20	3	3
Morale, Ralph, Lebanon, Break, Enter night time			24	2	1
Picard, Richard, Plymouth, Break, Enter night time			28	0	4
Davis, William, Littleton, Defraud			50	1	5
Russe, Kathleen, Littleton, Defraud			32	1	5
Shepard, Fred W., Plymouth, Contempt			39	0	6
Frost, Roland B., Plymouth, Contempt			37	19	1
Hudson, Edward J., Haverhill, Contempt			32	8	3
Sanborn, David O., Campton, Stealing			29	4	6
Relation, Warren L. W., Grafton Sup. Ct., Non-Support			38	0	3
Hill, Farris Ray, Littleton, Cause of delinquence			27	17	4
Bergeron, Eugene, Plymouth, Stealing Automobile			28	1	5
Corliss, Alfred E., Littleton-Lisbon, Contempt			55	0	1
Arsenault, Joseph, Lisbon, Assault on Female			21	0	3
Lauziere, Robert, Lisbon, Assault on Female			27	0	3
Hildreth, Harry L., Laconia, Break and Entering			27	3	6
Balch, Ellery L., Haverhill, Non-Support			44	0	2
Sprague, Harry R., Plymouth, Non-Support			41	0	2
Maguire, Leonard, Bethlehem, Adultery			44	0	3
Carlisle, Dave, Haverhill, Drunk, Disorderly			83	4	2
Pratte, Edward, Haverhill Sup. Ct., Stat. Rape			23	1	5
LaBraney, Lester, Bristol, Break, Enter in night, Steal.			18	8	0
Jones, Floyd E., Haverhill Sup. Ct., Contempt			40	0	5
Barton, Irvin Roland, Lebanon, Disobey Court Order			30	3	1
Hoyt, Nathaniel S., Plymouth Sup. Ct., Contempt			32	2	3
Bergeron, Raoul, Lebanon, Fraud			30	7	2

## CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

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To the Commissioners of Grafton County:

I submit herewith report of the Receipts and Disbursements of this office for the year ending December 31, 1954, as examined and allowed by the Court.

### Charges Against County:

1. Fees:		
Mittimus, capias, etc.	\$ 36.00	
Probation Certificates (1)	1.00	
Divorce cards (112)	16.80	
State entries (34)	28.50	
Total	\$	82.30
2. Miscellaneous Cash Disbursements		39.85
3. Extending Permanent Records		2,784.20
4. Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		7,216.13
Total		<hr/> \$10,122.48

### Credits To County:

1. Entries:		
Equity & Civil entries (422)	\$378.90	\$ 378.90
2. Fines & Costs:		
State v Whipple	200.00	
State v Sias	200.00	
Forfeiture of Bail—		
State v Bergeron	300.00	\$ 700.00
3. Miscellaneous Credits to County		6.10
4. Fees Chargeable to County		82.30
5. Order on County Treasurer for Clerk, Clerical Hire and Permanent Records		8,955.18
Total		<hr/> \$10,122.48

Respectfully submitted,  
UNWAR J. SAMAHA  
Clerk of the Superior Court.

REPORT OF THE GRAFTON COUNTY SOLICITOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1954

(JANUARY TERM)

- State v. **Perham**, Walter L.—2/8/54 Charged in Hanover Municipal Court with forgery of a check; 2/11/54 Bound over to Superior Court and committed to Grafton County Jail; 2/26/54 Indicted; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one to three years in State Prison to begin at termination of sentence for violation of parole.
- State v. **Paquette**, Richard K.—11/2/53 Charged in Bethlehem Municipal Court for careless and negligent operation of a motor vehicle; 11/7/53 Pledaded not guilty; found guilty; sentenced to pay fine of \$50.00; appealed to Superior Court; continued to April Term.
- State v. **Beckner**, Theodore H.—1/8/54 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with petty larceny from one Norman Clayton; Pledaded guilty; found guilty; continued for sentence; placed on probation for one year and restitution ordered.
- State v. **Reynolds**, John—1/8/54 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with petty larceny from one Norman Clayton; Pledaded guilty; found guilty; continued for sentence; placed on probation for one year and restitution ordered.
- State v. **DeGuise**, Robert A.—4/27/54 Information filed in Superior Court for failure to display a rear light while operating a motor vehicle; 5/13/54 Pledaded guilty; found guilty; fined \$25.00.
- State v. **Lamie**, Anthony—1/13/54 Indicted by Grand Jury for carrying a weapon while on parole on 3/26/53; capias sent to State Prison for service upon release of respondent.

- State v. **Martell**, George—1/13/54 Indicted by Grand Jury on charge of subornation of perjury in a charge brought out of Lincoln Municipal Court and heard in January Term 1953 Superior Court; 2/1/54 Trial by jury; jury disagreed.
- State v. **Picknell**, Walter H.—12/3/53 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with grand larceny in company with one Thomas E. Richardson; pleaded not guilty; bound over to Superior Court under \$500 bail; 1/13/54 Indicted by Grand Jury; 1/14/54 Arraigned and pleaded guilty; sentenced to six months in Grafton County House of Correction.
- State v. **Richardson**, Thomas E.—12/3/53 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with grand larceny in company with one Walter H. Picknell; pleaded not guilty; bound over to Superior Court under \$500 bail; 1/13/54 Indicted by Grand Jury; 1/14/54 Arraigned and pleaded guilty; continued for sentence and turned over to U. S. Air Force authorities.
- State v. **Race**, Bernard—1/13/54 Indicted by Grand Jury on two counts for obtaining money under false pretenses; arraigned; 5/14/54 Pleaded nolo; continued for sentence; restitution of \$500 ordered through the Probation Department on one count; **and** pleaded guilty; continued for sentence; placed on probation for two years; restitution of \$900 ordered through the Probation Department on second count. Continued to April 1954 Term.
- State v. **Wolff**, Arthur—Fugitive warrant brought by New York State authorities for grand larceny; 12/22/53 pleaded not guilty in Lebanon Municipal Court to charge of being a fugitive from justice; case continued under \$2,000

bail until 2/24/54; case dismissed by New York authorities.

- State v. **Davis**, George B.—9/28/53 Charged in Canaan Municipal Court with speeding; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; fined \$10.00; appealed to Supreme Court; appeal dismissed and returned to Superior Court; case continued while respondent is in the Armed Forces.
- State v. **Clark**, Edward—Charged in Lincoln Municipal Court with assault and battery; psychiatric exam held; 4/2/54 action dismissed by Court at request of complainant.
- State v. **Hadley**, James W.—Charged in Canaan Municipal Court with crossing yellow line; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; fined.
- State v. **Corliss**, Bernard R.—2/19/54 Charged in Littleton Municipal Court with non-support; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; bound over to Superior Court; bail set at \$1,000; committed to Grafton County Jail; 3/22/54 Hearing on writ of habeas corpus in Belknap County Courthouse; defendant discharged by Belknap Superior Court.
- State v. **Corliss**, Catherine Ward—2/19/54 Charged in Lisbon Municipal Court with abandonment of a minor child; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; bound over to Superior Court; bail set at \$1,000; committed to Grafton County Jail; 3/22/54 Hearing on writ of habeas corpus in Belknap County Courthouse; defendant discharged by Belknap Superior Court.

#### (APRIL TERM)

- State v. **O'Neill**, Gerald—8/31/54 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with passing a bad check and counterfeiting another check; pleaded guilty; found guilty; sentenced to three months in

Grafton County House of Correction for each offense and restitution ordered.

- State v. **Davis**, George B.—Appealed from Canaan Municipal Court on a charge of speeding; appealed to Supreme Court; 5/19/54 exception overruled by Supreme Court.
- State v. **Adams**, Stanley (with aliases)—3/5/54 Charged in Woodstock Municipal Court with theft of timber from one Walter Hill; bound over to Superior Court; 4/4/54 true bill returned by Grand Jury for grand larceny.
- State v. **Craig**, William O.—3/6/54 Charged in Plymouth Municipal Court with grand larceny by check; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; appealed and bound over to Superior Court under \$150 bond and committed to Grafton County Jail; 4/28/54 Indicted by Grand Jury; case discharged by Superior Court.
- State v. **Maynard**, Robert—3/11/54 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with breaking, entering and larceny in the nighttime; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; bound over to Superior Court; bail set at \$1,500; 4/29/54 arraigned; pleaded guilty; 5/10/54 continued for sentence and given probation for two months.
- State v. **Morale**, Ralph—3/11/54 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with breaking, entering and larceny in the nighttime; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; bound over to Superior Court; bail set at \$1,500; committed to Grafton County Jail; 4/29/54 arraigned; pleaded guilty; 5/10/54 sentenced to one to two years in State Prison.
- State v. **Wyatt**, Edward—3/11/54 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with breaking, entering and larceny in the nighttime; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; bound over to Superior Court;

bail set at \$1,500; committed to Grafton County Jail; 4/29/54 arraigned; pleaded guilty; 5/10/54 sentenced to twelve months in Grafton County House of Correction.

- State v. **Seguin**, Henry A. Jr.—3/26/54 Charged in Plymouth Municipal Court with driving while under the influence; continued until 4/2/54; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; 5/10/54 fined \$100; given three months suspended sentence in Grafton County House of Correction and license revoked.
- State v. **Emmons**, Robert F.—9/24/53 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with selling mortgaged property to one Kenneth Stevens; 4/17/54 pleaded not guilty; found guilty; fined \$100.
- State v. **Paquette**, Richard K.—Continued from January Term; 5/13/54 found guilty and fined \$10 for a charge of careless and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.
- State v. **Grace**, Richard—Charged in Plymouth Municipal Court with driving without lights; 4/30/54 pleaded not guilty; found guilty; fine imposed.
- State v. **Tattersall**, George, Jr.—3/25/54 Arrested and committed to Grafton County House of Correction for non-support of five children on a Lebanon Municipal Court mittimus.
- State v. **Davis**, William Edward, Sr.—6/11/54 Charged in Littleton Municipal Court with drawing a check against insufficient funds; bound over to Superior Court; 6/23/54 arraigned; pleaded guilty and sentenced to two to four years in State Prison.
- State v. **Russell**, Kathleen—6/11/54 Charged in Littleton Municipal Court with presenting a check of one William Edward Davis, Sr. drawn against insufficient funds; bound over to Su-

- perior Court; 6/23/54 arraigned; nol prossed on payment of restitution.
- State v. **LaRue**, Melvin O.—6/1/54 Charged in Littleton Municipal Court with driving while under the influence; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; appealed to Superior Court; appeal dismissed.
- State v. **Hutchinson**, Kenneth A.—4/7/54 Charged in Hanover Municipal Court on petty larceny; waived extradition; pleaded guilty; found guilty; fined \$75.00 and restitution ordered.
- State v. **Hobart**, Lawrence C.—3/11/54 Hearing in Ashland Municipal Court on the State's petition for custody of respondent's six motherless children; 4/12/54 hearing continued; case dismissed.

#### (SEPTEMBER TERM)

- State v. **Pratte**, Edward—Charged with statutory rape on 9/4/54; indictment brought on 9/15/54; 11/15/54 arraigned; pleaded guilty; continued for sentence; and given probation for three years. (Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court)
- State v. **Sanborn**, David—8/11/54 Charged in Camp-ton Municipal Court with breaking, entering and larceny in the daytime; 8/13/54 bound over to Superior Court under \$500 bail; committed to Grafton County Jail; 9/15/54 remanded to State Hospital for observation; 10/18/54 pleaded guilty; continued for sentence and given probation for one year.
- State v. **Bergeron**, Raoul J.—5/20/54 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with larceny by bailee; bound over to Superior Court; bail set at \$300; 9/15/54 indicted by Grand Jury; bail forfeited.
- State v. **Bergeron**, Eugene L., Jr.—8/24/54 Charged in Plymouth Municipal Court with grand larceny; pleaded not guilty; bound over to Su-

perior Court; bail set at \$500; Committed to Grafton County Jail; 9/16/54 pleaded guilty; sentenced to nine months in Grafton County House of Correction.

- State v. **Kent**, Irving Fuller—8/26/54 Charged in Bristol Municipal Court with aggravated assault; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; bound over to Superior Court; bail set at \$2,500; 9/22/54 pleaded nolo; sentenced to six months in Grafton County House of Correction suspended on good behavior.
- State v. **Ryan**, Obeline—8/19/54 Charged in Woodstock Municipal Court with refusing to produce license and registration on request of a police officer; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; fined \$100; appealed to Superior Court; bail set at \$200; 9/27/54 pleaded guilty; fined \$50.
- State v. **Whipple**, Bradford—8/4/54 Charged in Lisbon Municipal Court with reckless driving with death resulting; pleaded not guilty; bound over to Superior Court; 9/7/54 waiver of indictment issued; 9/20/54 pleaded guilty; fined \$200 and license revoked.
- State v. **Knowles**, Philip E.—7/2/54 Charged in Plymouth Municipal Court with improperly registering a motor vehicle; 8/6/54 pleaded not guilty; found guilty; fined \$10.00 appealed to Superior Court; 9/20/54 nol prossed on information from Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.
- State v. **Hyldberg**, Carl A.—Charged in Canaan Municipal Court with motor vehicle violation; appealed to Superior Court; pleaded nolo; fined \$50.00 and license revoked.
- State v. **Brady**, James—Charged in Campton Municipal Court with shooting a deer out of season; 9/20/54 continued to January 1955 term.

- State v. **Hill**, Farris Roy—7/15/54 Charged in Littleton Municipal Court with contributing to the delinquency of a minor; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; appealed to Superior Court; bail set at \$1,000.00; committed to Grafton County Jail; respondent withdrew appeal and is now serving sentence of six months in the Grafton County House of Correction.
- State v. **Storey**, Henry Clayton—8/18/54 Charged in Haverhill Municipal Court with escape while serving sentence at Grafton County House of Correction; 9/7/54 pleaded guilty and sentenced to six months in the Grafton County House of Correction; sentence to begin at end of previous sentence.
- State v. **Lowe**, Jack—Charged in Woodstock Municipal Court with speeding; \$12.00 bond posted; 9/24/54 hearing held; case nol prossed at request of arresting officer because of lack of evidence.
- State v. **Sunn**, George, Jr—Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with statutory rape and accessory to rape on 9/7/54; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; 9/27/54 pleaded guilty in Superior Court to charge of simple assault; and sentenced to thirty days in the Grafton County House of Correction.
- State v. **Judd**, William—9/6/54 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with statutory rape; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; 9/27/54 pleaded guilty to assault; and sentenced to thirty days in the Grafton County House of Correction.
- State v. **Hildreth**, Harry—9/17/54 Charged in Plymouth Municipal Court with breaking, entering and larceny in the daytime; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; appealed to Superior Court; bail set at \$2,000.00; committed to Grafton County

- Jail; waived indictment on 10/18/54; and sentenced to one to two years in State Prison.
- State v. **Desrochers**, Edward A.—10/1/54 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with reckless operation of a motor vehicle with death resulting; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; waived examination; bail set at \$1,000.00; respondent bound over to January 1955 Term Superior Court.
- State v. **Yerid**, Rachel—10/25/54 Charged in Lebanon Municipal Court with selling beer to a minor; pleaded guilty; fined \$25.00 and grocery license suspended by Liquor Commission.

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Twenty-nine (29) cases were prosecuted by the solicitor in municipal courts at the requests of local or county officers, including five (5) juvenile petitions. Forty-five (45) complaints were received which required nothing further after an initial investigation. Thirty-nine (39) matters were handled through correspondence with the authorities of other jurisdictions. Forty-five (45) Petitions for the Support of Dependents were received from the Welfare Department and six (6) were received from other jurisdictions.

The medical referees have reported fifty-eight (58) suicides, fatal accidents and other unattended deaths together with ten (10) autopsies and investigations authorized.

The Grafton County Law Enforcement Association whose organization was first reported in 1953 is now an active organization holding regular meetings throughout the county. It has some seventy (70) members from all fields of law enforcement and has sponsored programs of instruction featured by speakers prominent in specialized subjects of police work. Officers for the coming year are: Deputy Sheriff Stanley Hubbard, Bristol, President; Conservation Officer Richard

W. Bryant, Enfield, Vice President; State Trooper Henry Genest, North Haverhill, Secretary-Treasurer; and Motor Vehicle Inspector Joseph Duranty, Littleton, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The solicitor is grateful to all officers and citizens of the county who have facilitated the function of this office by their generous and wholehearted cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. TESREAU  
Grafton County Solicitor

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the County Commissioners and voters of Grafton County:

I respectfully submit the following report as Sheriff of the County of Grafton from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

### JANUARY TERM AT LEBANON

Herbert W. Ash, Sheriff

#### Court Attendance

47 days at \$10.00	\$470.00	
Travel	199.20	
Meals	52.00	
Fees, Petition	5.00	
Hotel bill—Room	21.00	
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		\$747.20

#### Criminal Investigation

7½ days at \$10.00	\$ 75.00	
Travel	93.90	
Meals	8.75	
Mittimus fees	2.00	
Supplies	14.45	
Fees, Meyette & Martel case	81.75	
Phone	124.36	
Postage	12.70	
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		\$412.91

Theodore R. Gardner, Deputy Sheriff

#### Court Attendance

19 days at \$10.00	\$190.00	
Travel	182.00	
Meals	16.95	
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		\$388.95

**Criminal Investigation**

8 days at \$10.00	\$ 80.00
Travel	132.30
Meals	2.00
Feeding prisoners	4.05
Mittimus fees	10.00
Paid assistance	20.00
Phone	10.69

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 \$259.04
**John L. Farnham, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

1 day at \$10.00	\$ 10.00
Travel	1.00
Meals	1.65

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 \$ 12.65
**Criminal Investigation**

3 days at \$10.00	\$ 30.00
Travel	9.20
Meals	1.25
Phone	13.29

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 \$ 53.74
**Harry T. Andross, Deputy Sheriff****Criminal Investigation**

Travel	\$ 88.20
Meals	7.00
Assistance	20.00
Mittimus fees	7.00

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 \$122.20
**Jerold M. Ashley, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

20 days at \$10.00	\$200.00
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Travel	19.00
Meals	17.00
Paid Minister	10.00

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 \$246.00
**Criminal Investigation**

Travel	\$ 2.50
Fees, Petition	5.00
Phone	5.63

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 \$ 13.13
**SEPTEMBER TERM AT WOODSVILLE****Herbert W. Ash, Sheriff****Court Attendance**

38 days at \$10.00	\$380.00
Travel	175.00
Meals	15.05
Postage	15.00
Phone	117.85
Supplies	19.40

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 \$722.30
**Criminal Investigation**

16½ days at \$10.00	\$165.00
Travel	209.80
Meals	8.50

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 \$383.30
**Theodore R. Gardner, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

12 days at \$10.00	\$120.00
Travel	48.00
Meals	5.60

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 \$173.60

**Criminal Investigation**

5 days at \$10.00	\$ 50.00
Travel	43.50
Meals	3.50
Mittimus & Pet. fees	7.00

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\$104.00

**John L. Farnham, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

13 days at \$10.00	\$130.00
Travel	13.00
Meals	14.60
Paid Minister	10.00

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\$167.60

**Criminal Investigation**

3 days at \$10.00	\$ 30.00
Travel	107.90
Meals	3.00
Feeding prisoners	3.00
Assistance	5.00
Petition fees	6.00
Fees, Attendance Municipal Court	3.00
Phone	16.54

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\$174.44

**Stanley W. Hubbard, Deputy Sheriff****Criminal Investigation**

1 day at \$10.00	\$ 10.00
Travel	12.00

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\$ 22.00

**Wilfred J. Larty, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

2 days at \$10.00	\$ 20.00
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Meals	1.50
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\$ 21.50

**Fred L. Johnson, Deputy Sheriff**

**Criminal Investigation**

2 days at \$10.00	\$ 20.00
Travel	61.50
Feeding prisoners	3.00
Assistance	10.00
Fees, Attendance Municipal Court	3.00
Mittimus fees	4.00

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\$101.50

**Jerold M. Ashley, Deputy Sheriff**

**Court Attendance**

3 days at \$10.00	\$ 30.00
Travel	3.00
Meals	3.15
Fees	1.00

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\$ 37.15

**Criminal Investigation**

Travel	\$ 23.10
Meals	3.40
Phone	4.37
Mittimus fees	17.00

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\$ 47.87

**Harry T. Andross, Deputy Sheriff**

**Criminal Investigation**

1 day at \$10.00	\$ 10.00
Travel	9.80
Assistance	4.00
Mittimus fees	1.00

Fees, Attendance Municipal Court 6.00

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\$ 30.80

**Arthur C. Chandler, Jr., Deputy Sheriff**

**Court Attendance**

2 days at \$10.00 \$ 20.00

Travel 9.20

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\$ 29.20

**Rufus E. Vintinner, Special Deputy Sheriff**

**Criminal Investigation**

2 days at \$10.00 \$ 20.00

Meals 3.85

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\$ 23.85

**Hyman S. Kaplan, Deputy Sheriff**

**Criminal Investigation**

1 day at \$10.00 \$ 10.00

Meals 1.35

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\$ 11.35

**Harold W. Swan, Deputy Sheriff**

**Court Attendance**

1½ days at \$10.00 \$ 15.00

Travel 8.80

Meals 1.00

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\$ 24.80

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\$7,020.51

Clerk hire \$500.00

Sheriff's bonds 45.00

Miscellaneous (Camera & Legal Paper)	30.10
Revised Laws	10.00

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\$ 585.10

Total Expenditures \$7,605.61

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. ASH  
Sheriff

#### APRIL TERM AT PLYMOUTH

Herbert W. Ash, Sheriff

##### Court Attendance

56 days at \$10.00	\$560.00
Travel	23.60
Paid Minister	10.00

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\$593.60

##### Criminal Investigation

14½ days at \$10.00	\$145.00
Travel	113.10
Meals	15.10
Assistance	5.00
Phone—4 months	151.07
Feeding prisoners	2.95
Food, Bishop-Hunt cases	20.48
Supplies	60.50

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\$513.20

Theodore R. Gardner, Deputy Sheriff

##### Court Attendance

18 days at \$10.00	\$180.00
Travel	132.50

Meals	12.10	
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		\$324.60
<b>Criminal Investigation</b>		
7 days at \$10.00	\$ 70.00	
Travel	136.65	
Meals	6.75	
Mittimus & Pet. fees	11.00	
Feeding prisoners	2.35	
Phone	12.58	
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		\$239.33

**John L. Farnham, Deputy Sheriff**

<b>Court Attendance</b>		
2 days at \$10.00	\$ 20.00	
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		\$ 20.00
<b>Criminal Investigation</b>		
Travel	\$ 57.30	
Meals	2.60	
Subpoena fees	12.00	
Assistance	10.00	
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		\$ 81.90

**Fred L. Johnson, Deputy Sheriff**

<b>Court Attendance</b>		
18 days at \$10.00	\$180.00	
Travel	79.20	
Meals	14.15	
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		\$273.35
<b>Criminal Investigation</b>		
3 days at \$10.00	\$ 30.00	
Travel	138.60	
Meals	1.40	

Assistance	25.00
Mittimus fees	4.00
Attendance, Municipal Court—Fees	9.00

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\$208.00

**Arthur C. Chandler, Jr., Deputy Sheriff**

**Criminal Investigation**

6 days at \$10.00	\$ 60.00
Travel	55.80
Meals	5.25
Assistance	5.00

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\$126.05

**Jerold M. Ashley, Deputy Sheriff**

**Court Attendance**

2½ days at \$10.00	\$ 25.00
Travel	13.00
Meals	3.75
Phone	2.50

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\$ 44.25

**Criminal Investigation**

4 days at \$10.00	\$ 40.00
Travel	8.00
Meals	2.50

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\$ 50.50

**Harry T. Andross, Deputy Sheriff**

**Court Attendance**

3 days at \$10.00	\$ 30.00
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\$ 30.00

**Criminal Investigation**

3½ days at \$10.00	\$ 35.00
Travel	38.00

Meals	4.00	
Mittimus fees	2.00	
Assistance	5.00	
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**Howard Sanborn, Special Deputy Sheriff**

**Criminal Investigation**

2 days at \$10.00	\$ 20.00	
Travel	17.00	
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**Hyman S. Kaplan, Deputy Sheriff**

**Criminal Investigation**

2 days at \$10.00	\$ 20.00	
Travel	6.00	
Meals	3.35	
Assistance	5.00	
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**Rufus Vintinner, Special Deputy Sheriff**

**Criminal Investigation**

2 days at \$10.00	\$ 20.00	
Travel	7.20	
Meals	2.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 29.30

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of Grafton County:

My report for the past year of services rendered at the County Farm differs but little from that of the year before. Once again my wife and I have conducted worship services on alternate Sundays with attendance about the same at last year. The patients like to sing and we have encouraged that aspect of worship. I have officiated at the Communion Service at Easter time and in the early fall. Once again about twenty-five youngsters sang Christmas carols in the corridors and the vestibule of the jail. I have had conferences with two inmates and Mrs. Robbins and I visit occasionally in the rooms. I believe that the varied forms of service have definite value and are sincerely appreciated by those having a share in them. Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich have been most helpful and cooperative in every way, which is also true of members of the staff.

Respectfully submitted,

BURTON G. ROBBINS  
Chaplain

## REPORT OF THE COUNTY PHYSICIAN

To the Grafton County Commissioners:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1954.

There has been added to the equipment of the hospital, a patient-lift. With this it is possible for one person to lift a patient, who is unable to help himself, from bed to chair. This is a great asset to the disabled patient as well as to personnel.

Statistically, there have been fewer patient days this year. This has been true in nearby general hospitals, and is due to a period of low hospitalization in late summer and autumn. No significance is placed in this phenomenon.

Below is a break-down, into categories of financial responsibility, of admitted patients:

As of Jan. 1, 1955			
Approx. %			
County	38	39%	6 cases
Town	23	24%	5 cases
State	29	30%	6 cases
Private	6	6%	

As shown, County patients are about 40% of the total admissions. I believe this is a considerable reduction from previous years, reflecting the socio-economic changes in general.

There were 14 deaths, all above the fifth decade, and 3 in the tenth decade. This is an indication of the age groups most commonly hospitalized here, and the tremendous amount of nursing care required.

Hospital employee changes have been few, but the nursing shortage becomes constantly more acute. I am very grateful for the conscientious work of the employees, and the excellent co-operation of Mrs. Giles and Supt. and Mrs. Aldrich.

During my enforced absence from duty, the work, carried on by the Associate Physicians, was excellent. Dr. L. E. McKinlay and Dr. C. D. Eastman have the gratitude of the patients, and the admiration of all concerned.

I wish to thank the Commissioners for their continued interest and co-operation in keeping the hospital an efficient institution.

E. C. CAMPBELL, M.D.  
Medical Director

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**Statistics for 1954 for Grafton County Hospital**

Patients Jan. 1, 1954	23
Admissions	73
Discharges	66
Daily Average	16.1
Total patient days	5,829
Number of births	3
Number of deaths	14
Number of Operations	3
Number discharged, cured or improved	54
Number discharged, unimproved	12
Number Out-patients	1,613
Number autopsies	None
Number patients Jan. 1, 1955	16

## DEATHS IN 1954

Date		Name	Age				Cause of Death
			Yr.	M	W	D	
Feb.	23	Adam Bagdonis	70	2			Cerebral hemorrhage
Feb.	24	Herbert Atwood	84	4	2		Auricular Fibrillation — Arteriosclerosis
Mar.	9	Edwin Chandler	63	9	5		Atrophic arthritis
April	27	Alexander Wood	91	5	1	5	Coronary embolus, Ar- teriosclerosis, Bilateral senile cataracts
May	1	Vincent Hopper	73	5	3	1	Arteriosclerosis, gangrene of foot
June	23	John Gilmon	91				Arteriosclerosis, Chronic myocarditis
July	9	Ernest Kendrick	61	9			Cirrhosis of liver
July	19	Gertrude Gill	58	8	3	2	Carcinoma of stomach
July	25	Edward Lyons	77	4	1	3	Arteriosclerosis, Chronic myocarditis
Sept.	5	Charles Willis	84	10	3	4	Arteriosclerosis, chronic myocarditis
Sept.	9	Fred Dodge	88		1	4	Arteriosclerosis, hyper- tension, benign prostatic hypertrophy
Sept.	25	Della Wright	68	5		6	Cerebral hemorrhage, chronic myocarditis
Oct.	21	Bert Baker	85	7	2	5	Arteriosclerosis, pleural effusion, senile dementia, coronary embolus (sud- den death), tachy cardia
Nov.	19	Susan Cullen	95	3	2	6	Cerebral vascular acci- dent (5 wks.), arterio- sclerosis 20 years

**SUMMARY OF FARM ACCOUNTS FOR  
GRAFTON COUNTY FOR 1954**

<b>Capital Investment</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1954</b>
Value of land & buildings	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
Livestock inventory	48,230.00	47,687.50
Machinery & Equip't inventory	21,261.86	22,475.80
Feed & supplies inventory	11,123.41	17,859.86
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Total	\$125,615.27	\$133,023.16
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Capital gain in inventory		\$ 7,407.89

**Summary of Receipts**

	<b>Cash</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Total</b>
Milk & milk prod'ts	\$32,010.96	\$ 3,953.68	\$35,964.64
Produce	128.58	1,221.10	1,349.68
Eggs	160.29	1,663.80	1,824.09
Dressed Poultry		267.20	267.20
Dressed Beef		2,051.60	2,051.60
Dressed Pork		2,189.20	2,189.20
Livestock	7,358.98		7,358.98
Other Income	1,872.58		1,872.58
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Totals	\$41,531.39	\$11,346.58	\$52,877.97
Inventory Increase			7,407.89
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Grand Total of Income			\$60,285.86

### Summary of Expenses

Supervision	\$ 300.00
Labor—regular	8,965.80
Labor—House of Correction	1,266.00
Truck and Tractor expense	2,733.36
Taxes	2,539.50
Insurance	657.54
Light and Power	1,013.50
Feed	24,084.81
Supplies	957.81
Repairs	3,626.84
Equipment	984.12
Fertilizer	2,061.20
Veterinary	451.00
Milk testing	191.71
Registering cattle	112.75
Seeds	328.08
Bedding	904.50
Bulldozer (Pasture improvement)	377.00
Bulldozer and fill for washout	235.64
Livestock and poultry	985.00
Miscellaneous	346.00
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Total Expenses	\$53,122.16
Total Receipts plus Inventory Increase	60,285.86
Total Expenses	53,122.16
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Operating profit	\$ 7,163.70

ERVILLE H. ALDRICH  
Superintendent

RICHARD R. RUTHERFORD  
County Agricultural Agent

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GRAFTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

**Year Ending December 31, 1954**

County Extension Work in Agriculture, Home Economics and 4-H Club Work for Year Ending December 31, 1954.

Herein is submitted a statement of expenditures of the Legislative Appropriation of \$15,465.00, plus December 31st Balance of \$5,404.60, and Insurance of \$3,000.00 for Grafton County Extension Work in cooperation with the University of New Hampshire and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Extension Service equipment, furniture, supplies and records were destroyed January 13th, 1954 in the Odd Fellows Block fire. County Commissioners provided temporary office space in the Woodsville Court House until the middle of September. The office is now located in the block on Central Street, purchased and remodeled by the Odd Fellows.

With \$5,404.60 as balance on January 1, 1954, plus \$3,000.00 received from insurance it was possible to purchase new equipment and furniture without asking for an emergency appropriation. The new equipment and furniture cost \$8,356.48.

Without a full staff for part of the year, less office rent to pay and several other avenues of saving it made it possible to operate on about \$1,200.00 less than was anticipated.

The fire did upset the whole program for several months but by mid-summer the service had been quite well re-established. Records that were destroyed will be missed for quite a few years. Beginning of 1955 we do have a full staff and it appears that some of the work that should have been done in 1954 can be accomplished this year.

Balance on Hand January 1, 1954	\$ 5,404.60
Legislative Appropriation for 1954	15,465.00
Insurance on Office Equipment, Supplies and Furniture	3,000.00
Refund on Insurance Premium	17.64
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	\$23,887.24

**Expenses**

Salary—Agricultural Agent	\$ 1,350.00	
Travel—Agricultural Agent	843.07	
Salary—Home Demonstration Agent	450.00	
Travel—Home Demonstration Agent	1,023.92	
Travel—4-H Club Agent	748.88	
Travel—Associate 4-H Club Agent	961.43	
Salary—County Forester	721.87	
Travel—County Forester	994.17	
Salary—3 clerks	4,625.19	
Express	39.40	
Telephone and Postage	686.07	
Rent	382.38	
Printing	77.08	
Repairs to Equipment	64.20	
Supplies	1,096.37	
Equipment and Furniture	8,356.48	
Miscellaneous expenses (Includes Social Security, Insurance, Labor, Moving Costs)	210.89	\$22,631.40
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Balance on Hand December 31, 1954		\$ 1,255.84

Respectfully Submitted,

MARGARET WHITCOMB,  
Treasurer

RICHARD R. RUTHERFORD,  
County Agricultural Agent







*Grafton County Farm Barns*





